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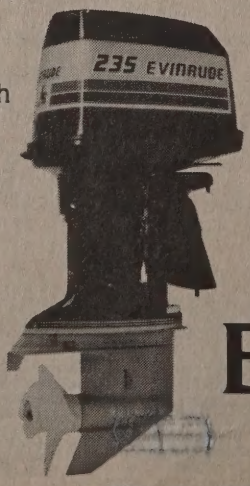

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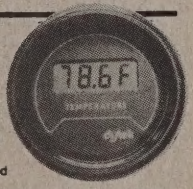

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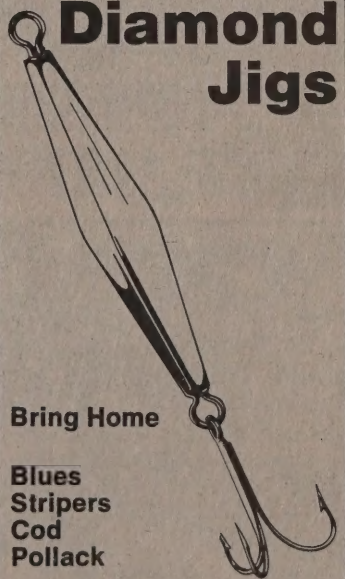

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In anticipation of upcoming Congressional hearings, anglers and other boaters will rally against the possible imposition of prohibitively high user fees for Coast Guard services. These fees will not only affect every boater directly, but will also result in higher party and charter boat fares. The Rally, sponsored by the Atlantic Professional Boatmen's Assn., will take place at the Freeport Boatmen's Association, 540 Guy Lombardo Ave., Freeport from 5-6PM, Friday, May 14. Representatives are expected from many ports, and the featured speaker will be Congressman Norman Lent, a member of the key subcommittee considering this proposed legislation and a leading opponent of Coast Guard user fees. Let's all get out and show Congressman Lent how we feel about the imposition of unreasonable fees on all boaters!

MEETING ON MATCHING FISHING RODS TO REELS

Guy DeBlasio, who writes for Field & Stream, The Long Island Fisherman and other sports journals, will be the guest speaker at the May 18th regular meeting of the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County.

He will give an authoritative talk on how to match the proper reel to the proper rod. Catalogs will be available, plus a question and answer period.

Guy, a dyed-in-the-wool fisherman, will have slides on fishing weakfish in the Peconics with where, how and when information.

The meeting will start with a movie, at 8PM, on Tuesday, May 18th, at our meeting hall at the American Legion Post #170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

Anyone interested in joining our Fishing Club, please call John Toth at 569-3218 or Al Lorenzo at 796-6572.

HOUSE PANEL APPROVES $20 MILLION FOR RECREATIONAL BOATING

An amendment authored by U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY) to unfreeze $20 million in recreational boating funds was unanimously approved by the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

Under Biaggi's amendment, the Secretary of Transportation would, for the first time, be able to spend boating safety and facilities improvement money that has been accumulating in a Federal trust fund since 1980. The money comes from a four cent on the gallon Federal marine fuel tax our nation's 50 million recreational boaters are required to pay. The amendment was attached to the U.S. Coast Guard Authorization Act for the upcoming fiscal year.

Biaggi, who also authored the original law establishing the boating trust fund, said, "For the first two years of the program, boaters have paid over $40 million into the fund, but not a cent has been returned to them in the form of boating safety and facilities improvement grants, as the Congress intended.

"Mainly, this is due to a technicality that requires another law to be enacted in order to spend the trust fund money. For various reasons, that law has never been passed. However, my amendment would correct this injustice by giving the Secretary of Transportation direct authority to spend the money without a separate act of Congress," Biaggi explained.

The boating trust fund program was established to return to the States up to $20 million a year (for three years) in Federal marine fuel tax revenues to improve boating safety and help build boating facilities, such as docks, marinas, and launching ramps. The funds would be distributed to the States through formula allocations based on the number of recreational boats in each State. The Coast Guard would administer distribution of the funds.

Final Congressional action on the Coast Guard Authorization bill is anticipated within the next couple of months. The Biaggi Amendment is expected to be adopted as part of that measure.

HUNTINGTON SPORTFISHERMAN CLUB LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Huntington Sportfisherman Club has a limited number of membership openings. Both inshore and offshore trips are planned. Several social events are also held throughout the year.

Anyone interested in joining, please call 667-1422 after 7PM.

FARRAGUT STRIPER CLUB

The Farragut Striper Club is pleased to announce the winners of their April 17th Junior Anglers Flounder Contest as follows:
Largest Fish: Sal Caccavale, Jr.
Most Fish: Laura Kassan
Smallest Fish: Richard Scammacca
Hardest Try: Biran Sudak
Good Sports: Steven Scammacca, Elizabeth Kassan and Eric Scuala.

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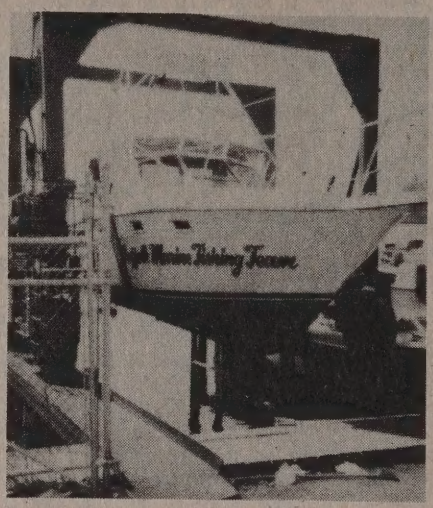
The Marina has an excellent location, only 5 minutes to Shinnecock Inlet—allowing the full gamut of inshore and offshore fishing. "Even a run to Peconic Bay weakfish grounds is a simple ride through the canal." Molnar's Landing has been chosen and appointed as an Official LIF Weigh Station.

It all points to being a real home for the small boater. Sheltered floating finger slips are still available. Give Lanny a call at (516) 728-1860.



SUFFOLK MARINE REPRESENTED BY THEIR OWN FISHING TEAM

Keep an eye out this season for Suffolk Marine Fishing Team's handsome new Topaz, shown here being launched. New owner Gene Hayes will have his crew out competing on the Long Island Tourney circuit.

EPSCO DONATES C-NAV XL LORAN C RECEIVER TO SOUTHERN MAINE VOC. TECH.

Epsco Marine, the full line marine electronics manufacturer in Westwood, MA, has provided an Epsco C-Nav XL Loran C Receiver to the Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute.

The Epsco C-Nav XL has been installed in the Chart Room of Southern Maine's N.S.S. Aqualab III, a 157' long research and training vessel. Each semester, approximately 80 students attend classes onboard the Aqualab III, making their daily trips out to sea. In addition, several week-long voyages are made each semester.

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Engineers for Johnson have redesigned the primer system on the Vs to improve cold starting. This was done by moving the primer nozzles from the by-pass covers to the intake manifold.

The V4 and V6 gear cases will also incorporated an integrated pitot tube to operate a speedometer on the 1982 models. This eliminates the transom mounted pitot tube that could trail air bubbles into the propeller disc resulting in ventilation or collect weeds and other trash thus giving an erratic reading.

The V6 motors will have two factory-installed sacrificial zinc anodes to ensure maximum anti-corrosion protection. Provisions have also been made on the V4s for both anodes to be available as accessories.

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FLY-RODDING FOR BASS AVAILABLE FROM SCIENTIFIC ANGLERS

If you're an experienced bass fisherman but new to fly fishing, or an experienced fly fisherman but new to bass, 3M Scientific Anglers' **Fly-Rodding for Bass**, 1982 Fourth edition, offers what you'll need to expand your fishing horizons and success.

In 12 all-new articles, plus two extensive introductions to fly casting and equipment selection, this 80-page handbook provides the novice and experienced angler alike with latest practical tips and techniques to fly-rodding's fastest growing sport: bass fishing.

In "Bugging—The Cast and the Retrieve," Tom McNally argues that proper presentation is the key to getting larger bass to smash surface bugs. John Gierach explains the importance of imitating natural food with bass flies, and Gary LaFontaine shares one of his favorite top water bass patterns.

Underwater tactics for bass are covered in Alain Wood-Price's article on streamers and by Harry Murray's "Controlled Nymphing for Smallmouth."

If you enjoy river fishing for bass, James McGuire outlines tailwater strategies and Gary LaFontaine applies trout fishing tactics to river smallmouth.

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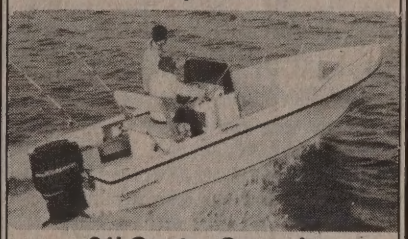

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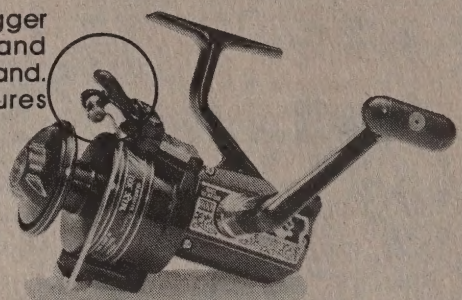

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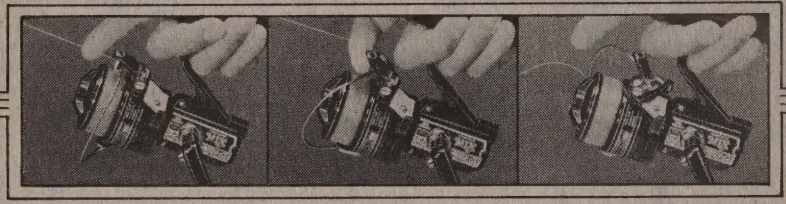

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1982 CATALOG FROM HUMMINBIRD

Techsonic Industries, of Eufaula, Alabama, has announced the availability of their 1982 product catalog. The marine electronics manufacturer will introduce several new models in the 16-page catalog which features the 10th Year Anniversary Editions of Humminbird Depth Sounders, complete accessories guide, a standard equipment listing, model specifications, attached price list and volume program, and full description of Humminbird's new Lifetime Guaranteed Service Policy.

New flasher units for 1982 are the Super Sixty II and One Hundred. New chart units are the CH-Thirty Chart and CH-Four-Eighty Chart. Additional information on new design, technology and styling is included. All nine models (including the In-Dash unit and Birdtrap portable) are displayed in black and white photography.

"A New Breed of 'Bird, 10th Anniversary Edition for 1982," from Techsonic Industries, P.O. Box 251, Lake Eufaula, Alabama 36027.

NORMARK BROADENS MAGNUM RAPALA LINE

Normark announces two new Magnum Rapala Lures: model sizes 11 and 14, both available in the Floating and Countdown versions. Of durable African hardwood, the new Rapalas feature extra-strong triple-strength saltwater hooks, special through-the-body wire construction and stainless steel split rings.

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Normark has phased out the size 13 Magnum Rapala, but is retaining the model 18 in both the shallow and deep-running versions.

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MAGFORCE INSTRUCTOR'S DREAM

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I remember that time in my own life well. And I was far more fortunate than most. My instructors was a superb tournament accuracy caster, and certified for his teaching ability by the American Casting Association.

But his great skill didn't speed up my learning how to control the five ''thumbs'' on my casting hand. It took me, at age 16, close to six hours of instructed practice to cast more than twice without filling the spool with loose line or a humungus backlash. Had it not been for my instructor's unparalleled patience and encouragement, I would have been turned off permanently to using baitcasting tackle.

Not long ago, I had an opportunity to teach my Number Two son, Bill (age 15), how to cast with a level-wind. He's been fishing since age 5, and is an accomplished spin and fly caster. But I held off teaching him how to cast a level wind reel until I felt his hands were large and strong enough to handle the tackle effectively.

Starting the Magforce adjustment dial at the #10 setting, where there is the maximum amount of anti-backlash preventing resistance, Bill was able to gradually reduce the setting to #5 and make 80' long backlash-free casts within 20 minutes. During that brief time, he made one minor backlash (when he cast the plug into the ground almost at his feet) and a couple of casts with two or three turns of loose line on the spool. All those mishaps took place within the first five minutes, while he was learning to release the lure higher than he was used to doing with spinning tackle.

By the end of an hour, Bill had learned to thumb the reel effectively, and could turn the Magforce dial down to #3.5 and cast without backlashes. Frankly, I was dumbfounded. He had learned more in his first hour of baitcasting than I had at a similar age in the worst six-hour ordeal of my fishing life.

Subsequently, I've had other occasions to work with beginning casters using the Magforce-equipped reels. Recently, at the Chicago O'Hare tackle show, tester Don Soberalski and I taught over 200 novices the rudiments of level wind casting in two days. The average time it took us to have them casting without backlashes to reasonable fishing distance up to 80', was about 10 minutes apiece.

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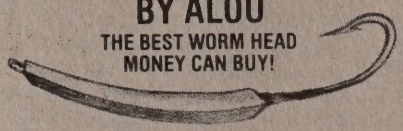

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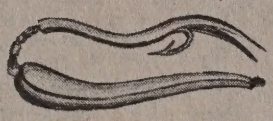

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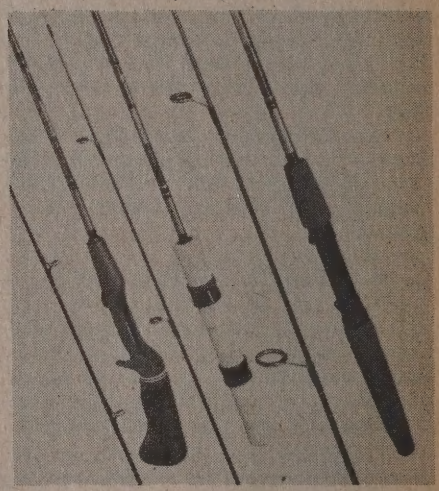

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— CAPTAIN'S TABLE —

BLACKFISH CHOWDER

by Eileen Regina

We recently spoke about how we often receive letters from readers who would like to see specific recipes in print, and others who send along pet recipes of theirs for us to try. Andy received such a letter from Sal Agliano, of Brooklyn (applause, applause!), who sent along several blackfish recipes, one of which Sal thought Andy's Uncle Vito might "truly savor." Well, Sal baby, I stole those recipes from The Fatman and tried them at our house, and I must honestly say that they are truly delicious. The best part of that whole deal is the fact that nobody here ever really cared for blackfish before, no matter how I made them. Andy would bring them home all cleaned and skinned, and I would bake them, boil them, broil them, fry 'em and try 'em every way you could think of and probably even some ways you never heard of—but everybody still went to MacDonald's on blackfish night anyway!

Andy's friend, Eddie, the mate on the North Star, became curious when he saw that Andy would rarely ever bring home blackfish, even on those rare occasions when he caught quite a few. What piqued Eddie's curiosity was that Andy would leave his entire catch with the mates—all nice-sized fish because of Andy's strict personal keeping-size standards. At times the boys would sell these fish, but most of the time they gave them to less fortunate anglers. Anyhow, when Eddie discovered that our household only liked to eat fillets, he convinced Andy to bring some blackfish fillets home, for us to eat. Well, the first few times I cooked them, we didn't tell anyone that it was blackfish. I simply made the fillets the same way that I made our flounder or fluke fillets: breaded with corn flake crumbs and fried to a golden brown. And everybody loved them! Now Sal passes along some recipes that use blackfish fillets, and I'd like to pass one of them along to you.

Ingredients: (Serves 4)

2 lbs. blackfish fillets
2 cups diced potatoes
1 cup diced celery, leaves included
2 med. tomatoes, peeled, cored and coarsely chopped
1 tsp. thyme
1/2 tsp. oregano
1 tsp. dried mint, or 3-4 fresh basil leaves
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
1 bay leaf, whole
1 cup diced carrots
1 small onion, minced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 tsp. sage
4 coriander seeds, crushed
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
salt to taste

In a large kettle, bring 2 quarts of water to a rolling boil. Add fillets and bay leaf, and boil for one whole hour, flaking the fillets and stirring the pot occasionally. The liquid volume will reduce as it boils, so add one cup of water to the pot every fifteen minutes, for a total of one quart of additional water when the hour of boiling ends. Reduce flame to medium-low, so that pot comes to a simmer, add all the remaining ingredients to the pot, and continue to simmer for one hour. Serve piping hot, in deep dishes or soup plates, and have plenty of crusty Italian bread on the table—it will all disappear soon enough!

This dish is simplicity itself, a one-dish meal that satisfies the most ravenous of appetites. A tossed green salad of escarole and chicory is a perfect complement to this hearty dish, and a cooled, but not chilled, Rose wine adds the finishing touch.

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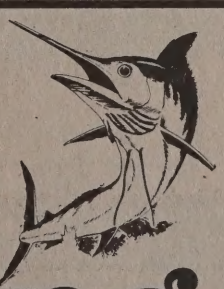

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Small Vehicle TRAILERING

by Bob Whittier

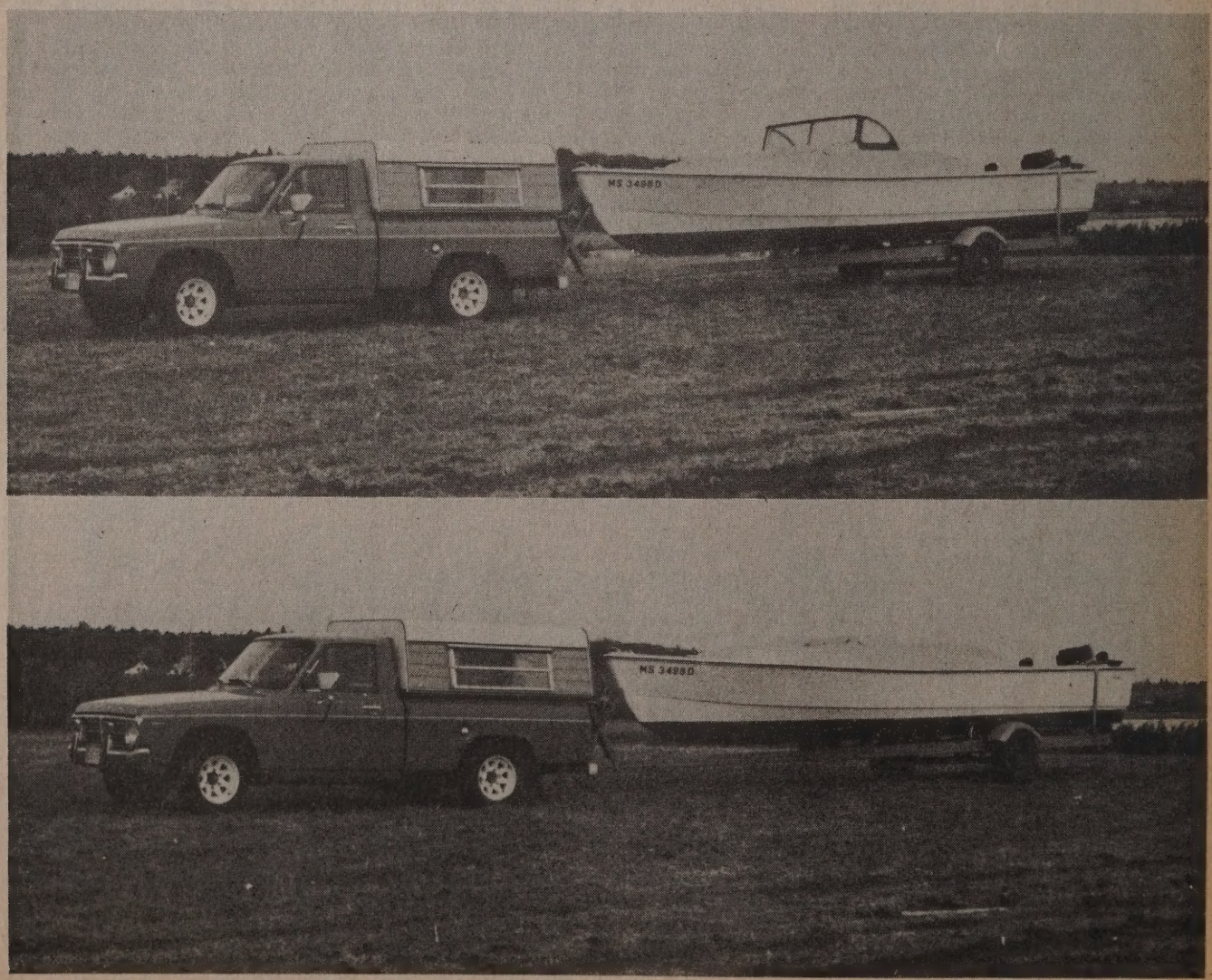
Tempted to buy one of those fuel saving, economy cars or trucks but are leery of their tow capabilities? This article should help iron out the wrinkles.

Last summer, old age finally caught up with the reliable and powerful, but gasoline-hungry, Chevrolet pickup truck I had been using for a dozen years to tow my boat trailers. After its funeral, I looked about for a replacement. Good luck led me to a Ford Courier pickup truck which had spent most of its five years in Florida and California and therefore had no rust. Its owner, an Air Force person, had received notice that he was being transferred overseas. It was for sale at an attractive price.

It had an 1800 cubic centimeter, four-cylinder engine, and a four-speed, manual transmission. Looking underneath, I saw that it had heavy leaf springs under the rear end, which I judged would be good for coping with the trailer tongue's down-load. I noticed that, being a truck, it had relatively large brake drums—they were about 11" in diameter compared to the 8" or 9" commonly found in subcompact cars. It had a heavy-duty rear bumper that mounted a trailer hitch ball. The owner said he had towed camping trailers with it successfully. The engine was 200-300 cc's larger than engines in most subcompact cars. A 1976 model, it could use "regular" grade gasoline.

Condition being very good and price quite attractive, I therefore crossed my fingers and bought it.

How has it worked out as a trailer-puller? Well, it has worked in some ways, but not in others. What I learned from it should be of interest and value to other sportsmen wondering what to do about hauling their



Many factors affect the ability of smaller vehicles to tow boat trailers. In these pictures, the author's boat is shown with its folding windshield up and down. With it down, wind resistance is noticeably reduced.

fishing boats behind down-sized cars.

The various ramps on which I did my launching and hauling out were of moderate slope. The lowest of this truck's gears proved able to haul a 2,000 lb. boat-and-trailer combination up these ramps with no sign of hesitation or distress. In traffic and on secondary roads, the four-speed gearshift made starting up and accelerating no problem.

Once I got out onto open expressways, I noticed something interesting. My boat is a 22' Seamaster, of long, low and narrow design and quite able on open water with outboard motors in the 40-60 h.p. range—it's no longer in production because inflation has made low-volume production in a small shop uneconomic. Anyway, this boat has a low profile, no higher than the cap on the Courier, and has a windshield that folds down. When it's down, frontal area is substantially reduced, and over the years I consistently got about two miles more per gallon of gas with it down, as compared to with it up, behind the Chevrolet.

I found that the Courier's engine was able to keep the truck and this trailer moving along at 55-60 mph highway speeds with surprising ease and no sign of engine stress at all. Two things, I deduced, led to this happy situation: at such speeds the engine was running at an rpm such that it was really able to pump out its power. And the low profile of the boat obviously cut wind drag enough to be a real help. Above, say 35 or 40 mph, wind drag increases a lot with only modest increases in road speed.

The fly in the ointment began to show up, however, as soon as we got away from dead-level coastal roads and started to encounter the moderate but very long upgrades so often found where expressways meet the higher, gently rolling land farther back from the coast. I began to notice that on such grades, the speed would gradually drop off—and depressing the accelerator had no effect. From 55mph, speed on a long grade would drop off and by the time the rig had slowed down to about 45 mph, I could feel the engine lugging and asking me to shift to a lower gear.

And that is when the small car's Achilles heel became apparent! The owner's manual for this truck made it quite clear that one should not exceed 35 mph in third gear. In other words, when the truck slowed down to around 45 mph, I found that the four-speed gearshift lacked a ratio for the job at hand. More and More, I wished that it had a ratio that would give a little more lugging power on hills than did the fourth gear, yet which would not overspeed the engine as would happen if I exceeded the 35 mph in third recommendation.

So I ended up climbing long hills at 35 mph. When these hills were the steeper ones that had "climbing lanes" for big trucks, I could keep in such lanes and let all the fast auto traffic go past. But where there were no climbing lanes, I had to plod uphill in the regular right-hand traffic lanes, with all the fast auto traffic overtaking me and most of the drivers giving me looks of a type that indicated they thought I was one of those road mopes who go begging for a rear-end collision.

Only when we got off the expressways and hit the secondary roads going to lakes and bays, could I climb steeper hills at 35 mph in third gear without feeling like a road hog. But on the other hand, my concern about the brakes on this light truck being able to control a 2,000 lb. trailer proved to be unwarranted. Even on some fairly long and steep hills on Rt. 1 on Maine, there was never any sign of brake fade or any tendency for the trailer to take charge of the two vehicle. But I suppose that a small car with the same size engine, but somewhat smaller brake drums, might have given me some anxious moments.

As a result of using the Courier for a whole season, I ended up with some useful knowledge about trailering with smaller vehicles. Some of my thoughts follow.

Trailering literature usually concentrates on auto manufacturers' trailer weight recommendations—you will read that this car is approved to tow 750 lbs., that one is approved to tow 1500 lbs., and so on. But there's more to it than that. The frontal area of whatever it is you are towing is important at highway speeds—a wide, high rig is going to act like a parachute and will strain the car's mechanism, whereas a low, well-streamlined rig will put appreciably less of a drag on the car's trailer ball and hence on its engine and gears.

The sport of trailer boating got started and grew to vast proportions in a time when almost any stock American car could tow a rig with no questions asked. But the more one looks into towing with small cars, the more one realizes that things have changed completely.

We have to realize that trailer-towing capability is the least of the car manufacturers' concerns today. They are quite pre-occupied with the great technical problems connected with meeting government safety, emissions and fuel economy regulations. Engines today are burning leaner fuel-to-air mixtures than they did a decade and more ago. Although this helps to reduce emissions and to increase the miles traveled, lean mixtures just don't have the juice in them that's needed to let an engine develop the power it is otherwise capable of. You can feel the end result of leaner mixtures when you tramp on the gas while climbing a long hill—and not much happens!

Some of the "small cars can too tow trailers" articles that have appeared in various magazines overlook another obscure but vital point: the gear ratios in car differentials that transmit engine power to drive axles. To help

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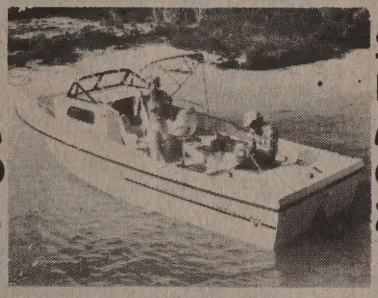

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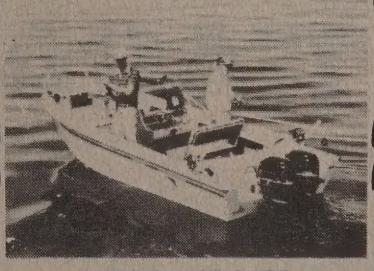

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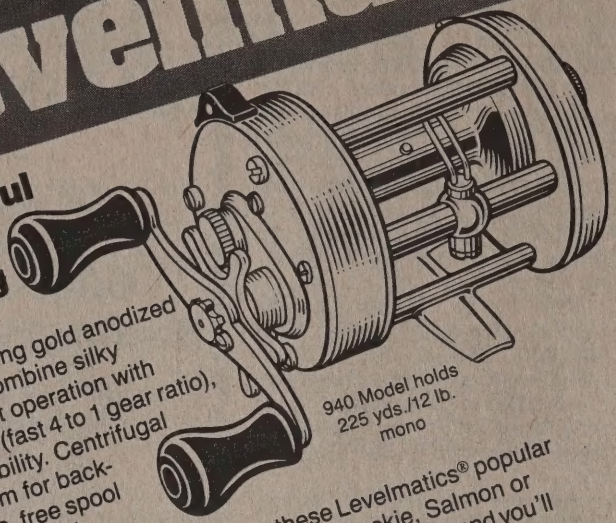

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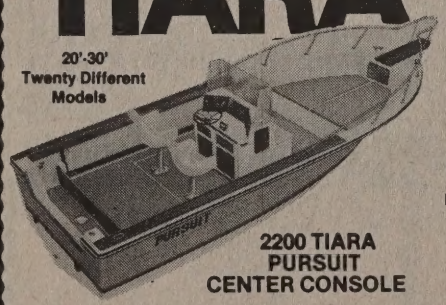

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achieve best possible fuel economy, car makers are turning to ratios that allow engines to turn at lower revolutions per minute at normal highway cruising speeds. They choose ratios that are a fine balance between power and drag—so fine that with a normal passenger load on the open road, a driver is hardly aware of it. But it takes horsepower to overcome wind drag and lift weight up hills. As soon as one comes to a hill while trailering with a small vehicle, it will react by slowing down more than its flat-country performance would have led you to expect.

Some in the pleasure boating business seem to have put on rose-colored glasses and are singing the tune "Nothing has changed—little cars can too tow trailers!" My own opinion is that things have changed drastically, boaters are going to have to change too, and the more they know about the problems of towing, the better they will be able to figure out solutions to new conditions.

For example, I think there is going to be a big future in the business of converting wasteland a mile or two back from the seashore into trailer boat parking lots, where people can leave their trailered boats during the active season, saving a lot of back-and-forth lugging. I also think marinas and bait shops in tidal areas where ramps are steep, are going to find it will pay to have small tractors or Jeeps to haul boat trailers up these ramps. The small fees they would charge will be worthwhile in the savings of wear and tear on the smaller cars that are able to tow boats along level roads, but which are not quite up to steep and heavy hauling.

I also think that small cars are going to work out fairly well for short distance hauling on level coastal rods, between peoples' homes and their local ramps, but that they are not going to work out so well for regular, fast, long distance trailering.

In case you missed it, the March, 1982 issue of Trailer Boats magazine carried a long article on trailering. It includes a table giving the manufacturers' recommended trailer weights for all American and imported cars. If no one you know has a copy, you can get one by sending $2.25 to them at P.O. Box 2307, Gardena, CA. 90248. On pages 602 and 603 of the Spring/Summer Sear, Roebuck & Co. catalog is listed what that company has to offer in the way of hitches to fit various cars. On page 44 of their 1982 catalog, there is a listing of hitches for domestic and imported cars available from the J.C. Whitney Co., P.O. Box 8410, Chicago, Ill. 60680.

At your local Chevrolet dealer, you can pick up a copy of "'82 Chevy Recreation & Trailering Guide." On page 6 it has a graph that represents a new way of rating the towing capacity of vehicles, and gives examples of figuring the capacity of typical vehicles. With this information, you can figure the capacity of some other make and model of car realistically.

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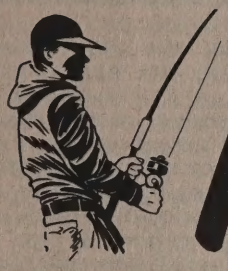

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MIDDAY BLITZES?

by D.W. Anthony

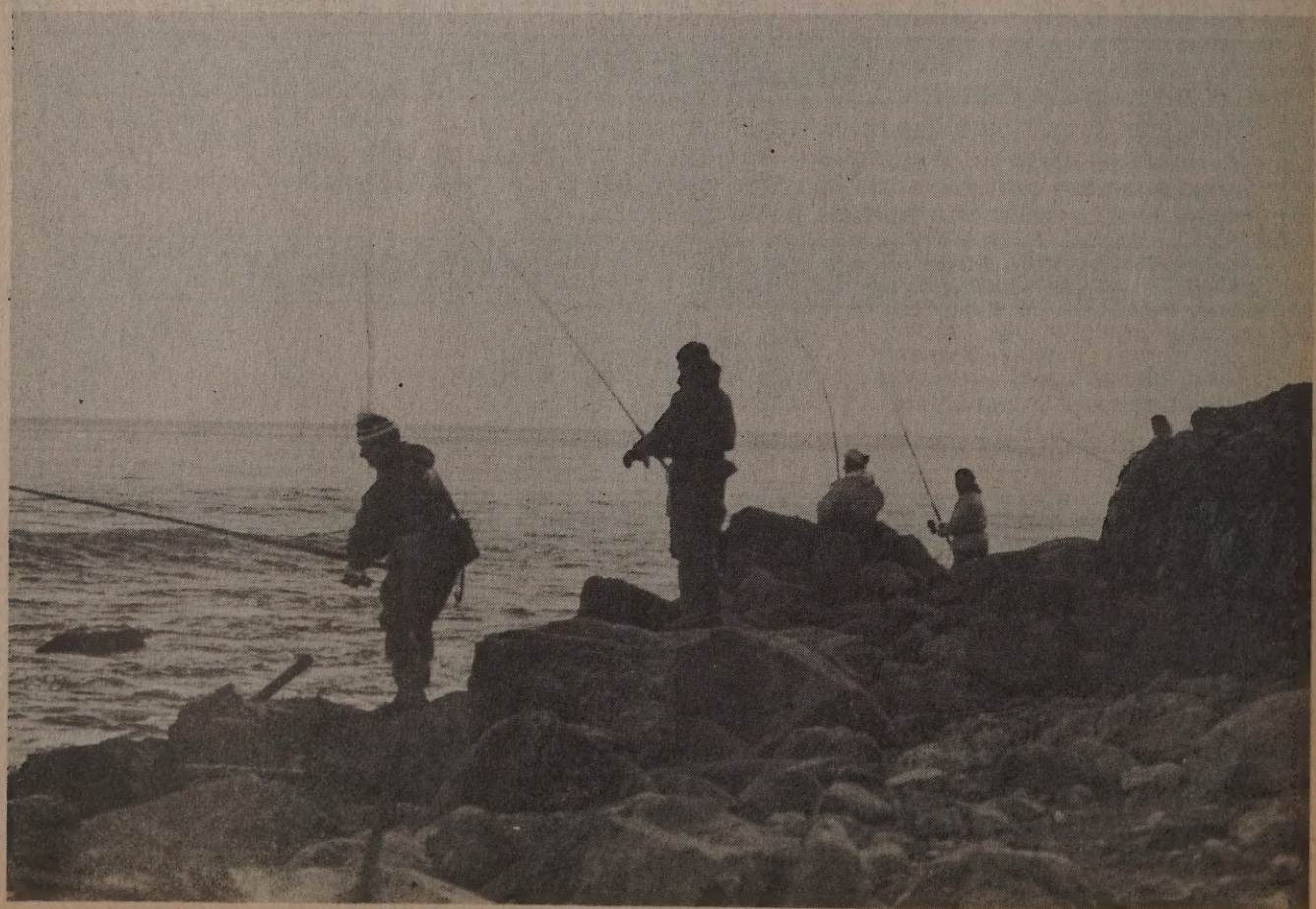
Veteran surf fisherman know that the best fishing occurs on night tides under a shroud of darkness. If only someone would tell the fish!

How many times have you read that if surf fishermen want to catch fish consistently they should fish the night tides? Well, I know that I have read this phrase or something very similar many, many times. It must be true, right? Then how do we explain last year's midday blitzes?

It isn't the purpose of this article to argue against the sage advice of many better surf fishermen who have come before me or to seriously suggest that I have an answer as to why game fish have suddenly acquired the habit of heavy daytime feeding. Instead, let's have a little fun with what has to be a very frustrating turn of events for some die-hard fishermen and at the same time, look at how you and I might just get into the action.

First, the year in review! Let's begin with the spring in Long Island Sound. Actually, perhaps we should say spring and summer, since reports of daytime sorties by game fish continued into June and early July. But that's another matter. The beaches east of Port Jefferson Harbor set the tone of the season early. Dusk and dawn raids by fish foreshadowed what was to come. These weren't only weakfish either, but bass (at times big) and here and there blues hit the beach with the sun overhead. As the water became warmer and warmer, the fish started showing up earlier and earlier. Now, according to the book, that's a no-no since warmer waters are supposed to encourage the fish to take up night feeding. We got into some of this action late in May and tried to stick with it into June, but it became harder and harder. I remember one day with a high tide about four o'clock when we showed up around five-thirty—not wanting to arrive too much before the nine o'clock sundown. The fish had raided the beach at five o'clock. We thought, surely they'll come back at sunset. They didn't!

Well, the next day we had them figured. The tide would be an hour later and so if we showed up at around four o'clock, we might have nothing to do for awhile, but surely we would not miss the fish. We arrived at four and the anglers were coming off the beach with stringers of weaks and blues. Guess what? The fish didn't come back at sunset that day either. After that, we gave up on trying to time our arrival. Limited by work hours and old habits, we arrived before sunet and caught nothing. Each trip produced stories from others and it was clear there was no pattern. There was no relation to time of day, tide, or anything else. The local kids, retired people, and unemployed had it made. They arrived on the beach early in the day with soda, lemonade, sandwiches, etc., and enjoyed the sun on the beach blanket until the fish arrived. That's a tough trick for



Daytime casters find fall opportunities under the Light at Montauk.

working stiffs.

In early June there was a report of a school of huge bass suddenly appearing amongst bathers at Wading River at 10AM on a warm and sunny Sunday. The book says that bass, especially big bass, are supposed to be spooky about people and other distracting noises. The book says that big bass avoid the shallows during the day. I used "The Book" to start my fireplace this winter!

This same stretch of east Sound beaches produced daytime blitzes in the fall too. There was this lovely sunny Sunday in October when tremendous schools of huge blues trapped bunker against the beach. Why anyone was there at noon in October is anyone's guess, but the net result was that dozens of anglers took hundreds of huge blues on everything from bunker (live or frozen) to popping plugs. Some of the plugs, we are told, were cast out no more than 20' or so. The blues and fishermen stayed for about three to four hours. I offer all of this to you on hearsay because I missed both the Wading River bass and the October Sunday bluefish blitzes. These blitzes were real enough—don't doubt that, since there were enough scarred and weary fishermen to prove they happened. Where was I? That's both obvious and easy: I was sleeping and then getting my tackle ready for the night tides according to habit and the book!

You want more daytime blitzes? Okay, how about August in Manhasset Bay. Before I continue—yes, I missed this too. By August it was an old story already: big fish were going bonkers in shallow water at noon, 10AM or one o'clock in the afternoon. Do you know how bright it is and how hot it is close against the beach at those times in August? Well I do, and no self-respecting game fish should have been there.

Moving right along to the south shore. Once again the main character was bluefish, but now the scene was Jones Beach West End. Once again, there was absolutely no connection of the arrival of the hungry fish and supposed key factors such as tide or time of day. They took fish along the beach, in the pocket next to the jetty, and on the inlet side of the jetty. Times of day varied. Did I cash in on this? Yes, I cannot tell a lie. I did get into a little of this on several days, but nonetheless my training about night tides and big fish caused me to pass up some of the best fishing because it seemed on paper that tide, wind, and time of day did not favor the arrival of feeding game fish.

Jones Beach wasn't the only south beach to experience midday blitzes. The script was very similar at all spots. Fish showing up at all times of the day and whatever action might now and then occur at dusk would almost always die when it got dark. It wasn't just bluefish either, because now and then and here and there, good bass were taken. The number of bass wasn't high, but then again,

Schools of sand eels held weaks and blues close to the beach at midday.

there just haven't been any great numbers of big bass around in recent years. Gilgo, Cedar Beach, and Tobay were scenes of some of the action and again, you had to guess right to be there when the fish were. Most regulars didn't guess correctly too often.

Further to the east there were summer blitzes in the day. The startling appearance of good numbers of weaks at the Sore Thumb in bright daylight pleased many anglers and so, too, the weaks and blues on the Democrat side of the inlet. These fish took tins and Salty Dogs and it wasn't unusual to see kids in bathing suits scoring on both species with rods better intended for snappers. They sure had fun and again I missed out.

By now you're probably thinking, based upon my story line that I caught no fish all year. That wasn't the case and that's perhaps why I still believe in my classical training that night tides produce more big fish than wished for and guessed over daytime blitzes. The problem is that I picked a fish here and then one there, but it was only long hours that allowed me to accumulate any numbers of fish and in reality, one or two of those daytime blitzes would have equaled

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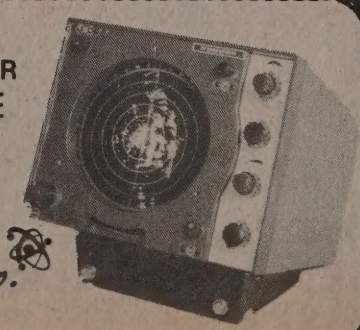

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my total of good fish for the year.

Moriches did not avoid the daytime blitz fever either and here there were good numbers of big weaks and blues taken in daylight during the fall: a repeat of 1980.

Why did this happen? Why should fish be so willing to go where they are supposed to be so uncomfortable? I really don't have an answer, yet I know there is one thing that encourages fish to overcome their shyness about warm water and bright sun and that's food. We have all witnessed times when big fish have lingered late into the fall because there was so much to eat in our waters and there is thus good reason to believe that they will venture into hot and bright shallow water for the same reason. In the spring along the north shore there were schools of sand eels and in some places they moved in and off the beach not according to a day or night schedule, but for oher reasons we can't as yet explain. However, if a river of sand eels moved along a beach, then there were weaks and blues to eat them. In Manhasset Bay it was a matter of large schools of bunker that stayed in the bay for weeks and that kept the big blues close by. In the fall along the east end beaches the bunker were on and off the beach much the same way the sand eels were in the spring and again when the bunker came close to the beach, the blues were not far behind.

The south shore is a total enigma to me and lots of other guys I have talked to. Some fishermen reported seeing snappers spraying out of the water at times and thought these fish were the main attraction; then at other times, there were mullet, sand eel schools appeared now and then, and there were even the occasional schools of bunker. Yet there appeared to be no consistency to conditions and thus, most surf fishermen gave up trying to figure it out and settled down to just try and enjoy it while it lasted.

Daytime fishing, especially in the fall can present a real dilemma. That is, what plugs do you bring along? If it's daylight, then poppers and tins ight be best, but if the fish and you stay around after dark, then you'll need swimmers. Many fishermen tried to solve this problem by fishing with bait since no change of bait or technique is called for with the onset of darkness; but in most cases, the fish solved the problem by disappearing once the sun went down. Again, habit and training often prevented clear and rational thought. Thus, I tried to pack away enough lures for both the day and the night and since the fish took off for a nearby Holiday Inn at dusk, I usually did not have enough or the right plugs even when I did stumble on some fish in the day.

What will 1982 bring? Your guess is as good as mine. But I have made a New Year's resolution and it is to try and not stick too close to my classical training and try to show up where the fish are—a little more often.

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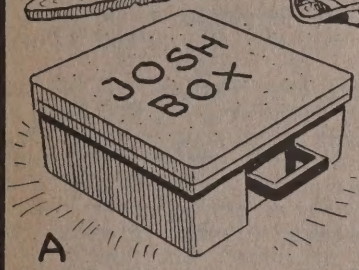

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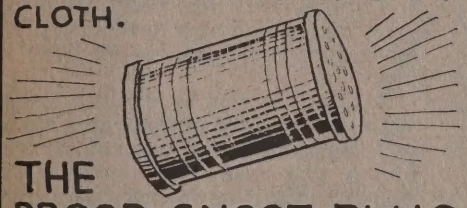

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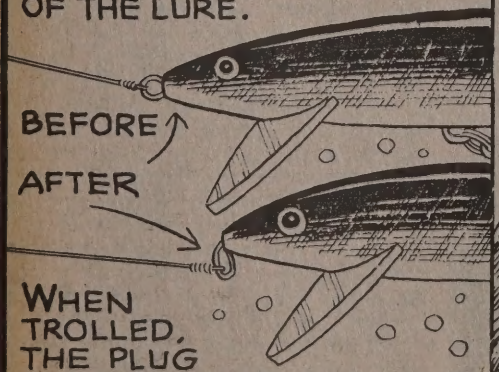

WHEN TROLLED, THE PLUG RUNS JUST BENEATH THE SURFACE AND IS DEADLY ON EARLY PICKEREL & PIKE.

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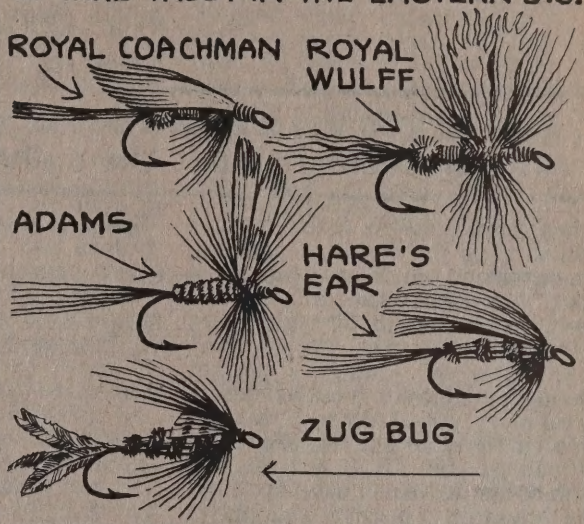

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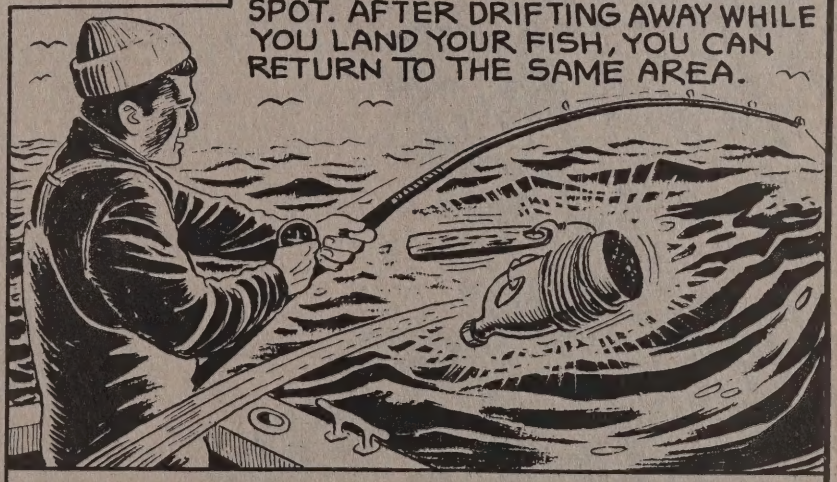

NIGHTCRAWLERS ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO VIBRATIONS FROM THE IMPACT OF HARD HEELS OR SOLES ON THE GROUND AND DIVE BACK INTO THEIR HOLES. *WEAR SNEAKERS OR GO BAREFOOT!*

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CITY ISLAND BLACKFISH

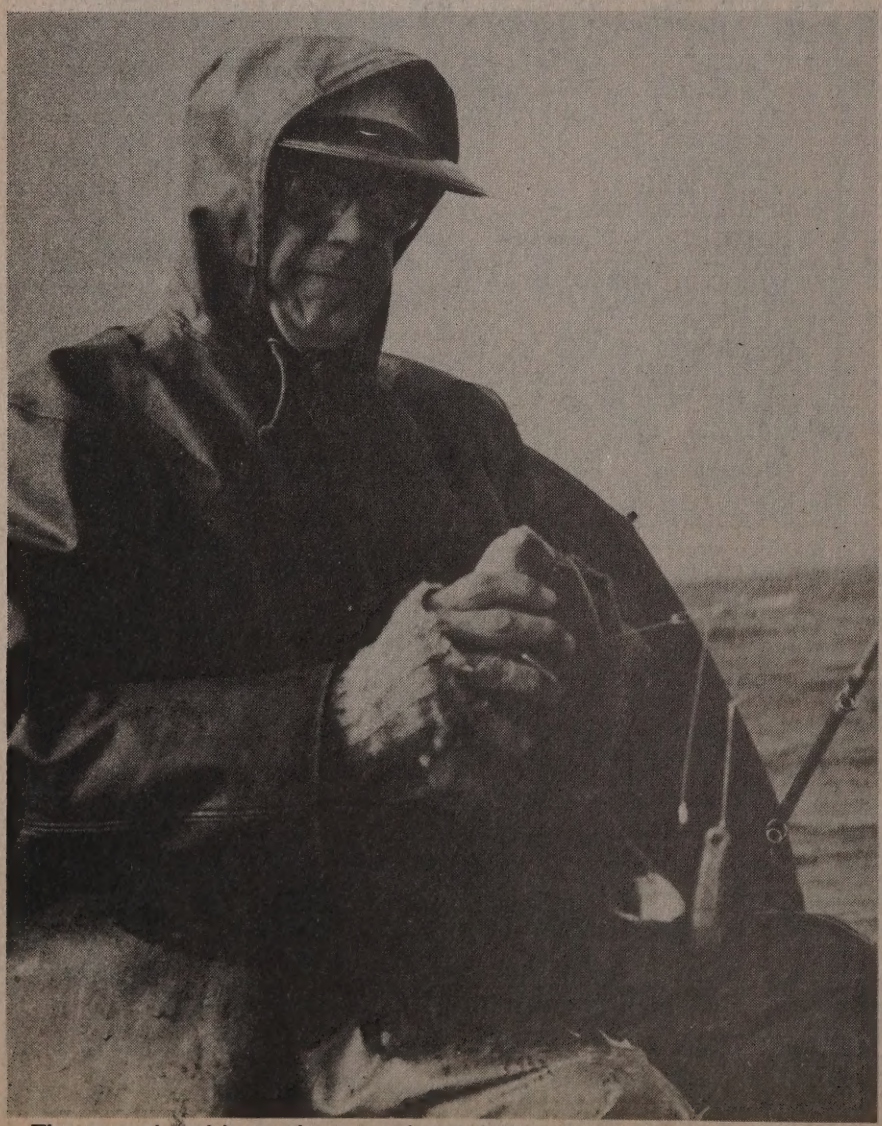
by Andy Regina

Tucked into the western end of L.I. Sound lies an island surrounded by ideal blackfish habitat. The author tells how to go about catching them.

When Fred Golofaro asked me if I wanted to do this article, I leaped at the opportunity to do so. "A piece of cake," I thought. After all, hadn't I been coming out to City Island for many years, ever since the mid-30s? And, after all, hadn't I caught countless numbers of blackfish during those many years? When I took the time for some serious recollection, it proved to be 45 years (at an ultra-conservative estimate) and literally thousands of blackfish caught. If I caught only 100 blackfish each year, that alone would amount to 4500 fish! That's an awful long time and a helluva load of fish, so, of course, I gladly accepted the assignment.

It proved a bit more difficult than it appeared to be at first glance though. Writing about the fine blackfishing to be had on one of the four party boats that sailed from City Island was out of the question. Although they sailed from the Island and could claim her as home base, none of the fishing they did was anywhere near City Island! So, though I could write reams about catching blackfish from party boats, for this particular article it was a no-no. By the same token, some of the best blackfishing here is from the City Island Bridge and the shore directly adjacent to that bridge on the Rodman's Neck end. Here again, I was stymied: bridge fishing would be covered in a future article. In fact, Fred was interested in an article about the very City Island bridge itself.

"Now what, Regina?" I said to myself. "Now you're gonna have a sore butt to go along with that big mouth of yours! Why did you accept that assignment in the first place?" I must really be getting senile. I have always talked to myself, for as long as I can remember; but now I was starting to have arguments with myself. And out loud, too! Upon hearing me, friends and strangers alike search in vain for the other person, but naturally there is never anyone else around! The only thing I could possibly do, I silently concluded, was tell about the excellent blackfishing locally from small boats, and that is what I propose to do today. Party boat anglers, beach rats, and bridge buffs take heart, because your medium will be forthcoming in the future, in articles as yet unwritten.



The mussel and barnacle covered rock bottom of western Long Island Sound is prime tautog habitat.

City Island sits in western Long Island Sound, east of Rodman's Neck and connected to that mainland by the bridge that bears its name. This bridge is located at the northwest end of City Island; off to the east (right) is the vast expanse of Long Island Sound, while to the west (left) lies the litter-strewn shore line of The Bronx. There are two boat liveries on City Island, where rental boats are available: Rosenberger's, at the southeastern base of the bridge, or Jack's Bait & Tackle, a couple of blocks west of the bridge, at Cross St. and City Island Ave. There are no launch ramps available, the closest ramp being located across Eastchester Bay, at Ever's Seaplane Base on the Country Club shore. This ramp will cost you a few bucks though; the last time we used it, it was $3 in or out or $5 round trip. It's not bad tho', all things considered; the ramp is concrete and there is parking available either within the boatyard or immediately nearby outside. Public ramps are available either at Glen Island or along the westbound lane of the Cross Island Parkway, between Fort Totten and Northern Blvd., on

Little Neck Bay. Of these two ramps, Glen Island boasts the better facilities.

A rough, rocky bottom literally paved with mussels and barnacles, makes the western end of the Sound ideal blackfish territory. Prolific underwater reefs and boulder-strewn, gravelly beaches further add to the inducement and a veritable smorgasbord of blackfish fare ensures prolonged appearances of this hardy fish every spring and fall. The blackfish diet consists of shellfish of all types plus seaworms and small baitfish. The entire family of shellfoods is also a major part of the diet, including any and all univalves and bivalves. The all-time, ever-lovin' favorite food of blackfish is lobster, and the fish are actually caught in lobster pots when they get trapped there in in pursuit of the pot's original tenant. Shrimp are also very high on the desired list, and blackfish can and do rise up off the bottom to feed in chum slicks of grass shrimp established by anglers fishing for weakfish.

Blackfish enthusiasts very rarely use lobster or shrimp as baits: in the first place, they are too delicious to waste as bait and in the second place, they are just too damned expensive anyway! We get by very well with the standard blackfish baits available in every bait shop along the northeast coast that caters to tautog enthusiasts. These baits are crabs and clams, and you have a choice not only of one or the other, but of which type of each. Any crab is good blackfish bait, but the two most commonly available are the fiddler crab and the green crab. Some shops in New England might occasionally have hermit crabs in stock, but this rare bait is generally one that the individual must procure personally, and it's a shame because this just might be the best blackfish bait of all! All clams are good baits too and here again the angler has a choice of either soft-shelled clams (steamers) or any

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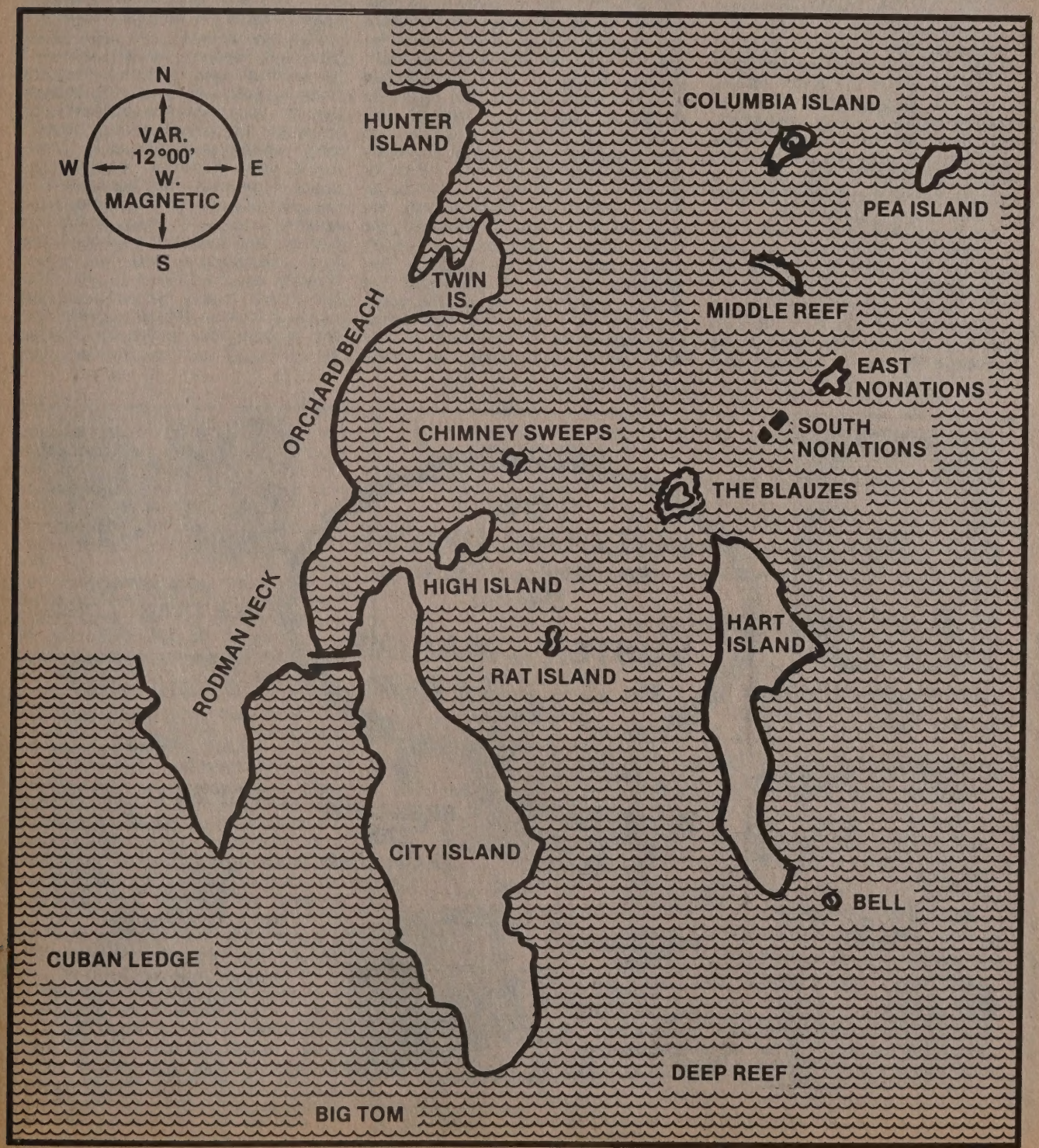


one of many hard-shelled clams, tho' the most commonly available one is usually the skimmer clam.

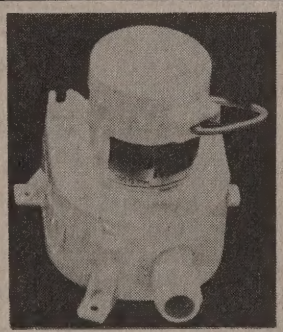
Bait preparation is crucial in all fishing, but in blackfishing it is extremely so, often spelling the difference between success or complete failure. Hard clams must first be shucked, then cut into suitably-sized pieces; these pieces must be large enough to completely hide the hook, but not large enough to provide free lunch to nibbling fish. Here the size of each individual clam as well as the size of the hook must be considered; small clams may be used in their entirety, or perhaps two or three to the hook, whereas really large clams must be cut into working sizes. Softshelled clams are used shell and all. Here, the hook is first threaded in the neck or siphon then into the body of the clam within the shell. Before using, the paper thin shell is generally cracked gently underfoot, which allows effluent juices and tiny bits of flesh to seep out underwater, thereby theoretically setting up a miniature chum slick that may lead interested tautogs to the hook.

Dedicated blackfish aficionados use crab baits; the hard bodies not only stay on the hook better than soft baits, but actually stand up longer to hungry fish thieves. The tautog is an accomplished bait stealer in its own right, with a sweet bite that can be imperceptible at times, and the prolific bergalls literally swarm over every presentation. Tough, hard crab bodies are difficult to pilfer, if they are prepared in the proper manner and if they are affixed to the hook correctly. Fiddler crabs are usually prepared by first removing the oversized claw, then inserting the hook into the body opening provided by the claw removal. The hook should be brought through the crab and then out through the body until the point and barb are exposed, all without killing the fiddler. We accomplish this most of the time merely by hooking the bait alongside its legs, within the shell, thereby avoiding damage to most vital parts. For added insurance, try threading that removed large claw up onto the shank of your hook before you impale the crab. Often often when the bait has been stolen off the hook, the thief will return for that large claw and, like most thieves who return to the scene of the crime, it gets caught.

Green crabs must first have all the legs and claws removed at the body junction, then be cut into halves or quarters, depending on the size of each individual crab. Once the carapace or top shell is removed, the hook is introduced into the crab body through one of the leg openings, then swiveled through the crab body and brought completely out on the opposite side. Here again we must stress the importance of maintaining bare hook points and barbs, to ensure faster penetration when you yank.

Fishing techniques call for presenting baits directly atop rough bottom; most any rocky areas will do, and sunken wrecks or reefs, as long as that structure has a liberal growth of barnacles and/or abundant mussel colonies. Blackfish stay close to home; they show such a marked preference for one particular piece of bottom structure that they very often crowd each other over one tiny section while the remaining bulk of that structure attracts no fish. This fact prompts the smart angler to remain solidly anchored in place once the proper location is found. We stay steady by employing two anchors, setting the bridle or second anchor only when our favorite spots are directly below.

The hooks used are usually #6 Virginias, tied in tandem above a bank sinker heavy enough to keep the baits in place steadily on the bottom. Just tie your sinker loop directly on your line, but make the loop about 6" long; when the sinker is in place, make your dropper loop in the doubled line of your sinker loop. This not only will ensure greater strength against underwater snags or fighting fish, but will always place those hooks in the correct spot, and they will sit directly on the bottom every time. Medium to heavy conventional boat tackle is ideal in this type of fishing; the stiffish rods make for quicker stickin' and harder yankin', two



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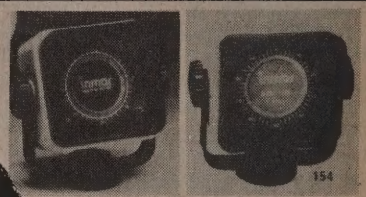

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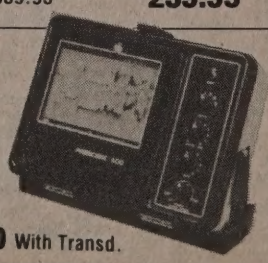

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While you probably can go almost anywhere on the western end of the Sound and catch some blackfish, as long as you fish above the proper structure, there are some areas that have become proven better than others over the years. We have attempted to show some local spots in the illustration shown here. Most of these locations present a more graphic picture at low tide, so if you can do so, get out on the ebb and pick your spot, then anchor solidly in place and fish the incoming tide. The best feature of all of these depicted spots is that they are not only merely minutes away from the City Island shore line, but also only a few minutes away from each other.

The bulk of good fishing areas lie to the northeast or southwest, the shores of Westchester County and Long Island respectively. Closer to home base, and to the northeast, is High Island and the Chimney Sweeps; further on lies Middle Reef, that really must be seen at dead low tide to be appreciated, then Pea Island and Columbia Island, the location of the CBS tower. To the north of these islands, not shown on the map, is Glen Island and Fort Slocum, while Huckleberry Island looms to their northeast. All are excellent blackfishing areas, especially in the fall. East of City Island lies a small island called Rat Island, and to the east of that lies Hart Island. The bell located off the south end of Hart Island is blackfish heaven, while the rocky areas to the north of the island are Cloud 9. One area hosts quantity and the other quality: the choice is yours. If you want a lot of blackfish, but smaller ones, fish the bell stanchion off the south end, and be happy. IF, however, you delight in catching large blackfish, come and join us at The Blauzes or at either one of the Nonations rockpiles.

For the jaded specialist who would rather catch one or two 10 lb. class blackfish than thirty 1 lb. fish, the three spots shown south and southwest of City Island should live up to your standards. For these spots you definitely need a depth recorder for exact location, as anywhere slightly off target will be completely out of the ballpark because there is no supporting structure in those areas. Big Tom and Deep Reef lie south of City Island, while Cuban Ledge lies to the southwest, south of Rodman's Neck. A good chart is invaluable in this case. It will not only show each location, but point out the type of bottom and the water depth at mean low tide. It will also point out buoys you can use to find your hotspot for these City Island blackfish.

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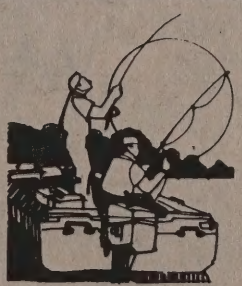

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CURE FOR WEAKFISH FEVER

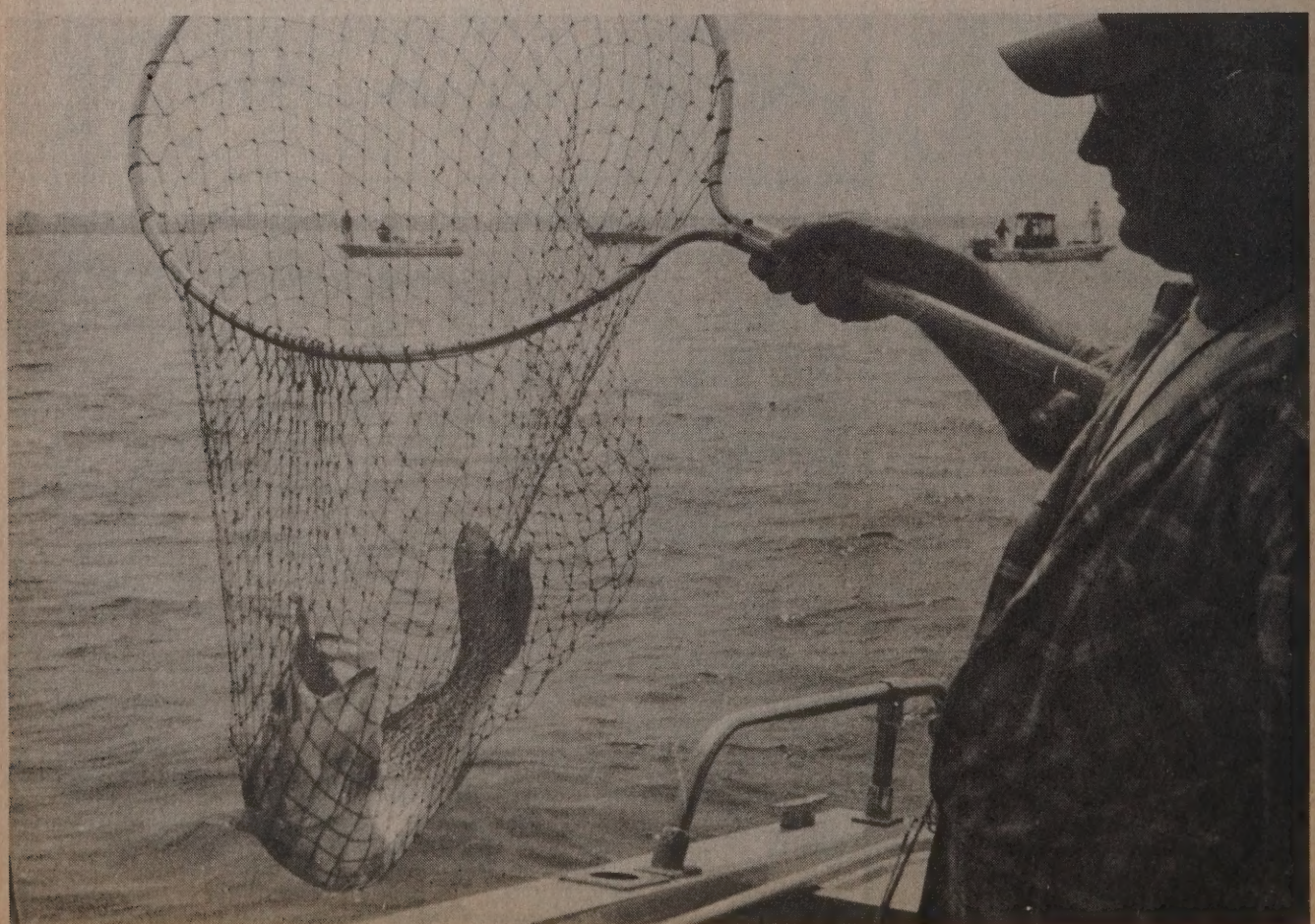
by Don Avondolio

"Timing" is one of the prime factors for successful weakfishing, or for that matter, fishing for any other species prominent in Long Island waters. To successfully launch a weakfishing trip in the 80s, careful planning is required to ensure that you are on the water during the peak of the spring run. Commercial netters generally take fish one or two weeks prior to rod and reel anglers. Local newspapers, The Long Island Fisherman, and bait and tackle dealers are good sources from which to keep abreast of the fishing as it develops.

Those who are able to plan a weekday trip are almost guaranteed uncrowded fishing conditions. Those fishermen who insist on going fishing for weaks strictly on weekends, often face enormous crowds of boats which adversely affect the fishing; but more about that later on.

Owning a trailerable boat is a great advantage and I highly recommend it for the serious weakfish angler. Usually, the initial run produces the largest size weaks compared to the summer run. Ten and eleven pound fish were not uncommon catches last year during the initial early spring run and as noted in my personal logbook, although quantity was down, large fish continue to dominate the spring run.

In recent years, with the initial spring run occurring primarily in the Great South Bay area, buoys 13A, 13, 12, 10, and 8 near Ocean Beach have been highly productive. Reaching this area is accomplished by launching at the Heckscher State Park ramp and travelling east on North Channel, then south through Range Channel and west to Ocean Beach. The small craft chart #120-SC clearly outlines the route by indicating existing channels, shoals and buoys. If you're early, and lucky, you won't see too many boats and fishermen in this area. One of the reasons I have stressed the importance of fishing without crowds of boats is because of the characteristic "spooking" of weaks by excessive boat engine noise. I have witnessed many times the end of some good action because of boats running erratic patterns at high speeds above the weakfish schools. If only these certain few fishermen would exercise caution and control their emotions, all would benefit from better fishing. Another important point: some boat fishermen noticing fish being taken by other boats will move their boat uncomfortably close to those into fish. This is not necessary. The fish are moving through the area with the tide at varying intervals, feeding on the run. More important is keeping your bait or lure in the water and patiently



Early run fish are often tiderunners of 10 lbs. or more.

waiting for a school to pass by. Remember at this time, all is **good** fishing water. Tide tables should be consulted for high water time at your particular spot. Tide tables indicate times at major locations only, so adjustment should be made because of current flow differences. This can be calculated most accurately by actual experience on the water. By noting the time difference between when the flow stops, slacks, and starts again, you will have a permanent record to consult at a later date. When near buoys, the current flow and slack will be indicated by the pitch or canter of the buoy itself.

Two electronic aids that are worth mentioning are the CB radio and chart depth recorder. First, with the CB radio, scuttlebutt concerning the movements of weakfish is often obtainable. Often, local anglers can be heard on channel 12 discussing effective lures, baits or locations. Also, with the charter recorder, congregations of weaks can be pinpointed with a minimum of effort by "reading" over structured holes, deep channels, and their edges which are popular hangouts. These two electronic items may cost a bit, but are well worth it when measured in time saved and fishing success.

As weakfishing in the Ocean Beach area slows down, many boats will fish in the vicinity of Dickerson and West Channels. Both of these two areas are favorite hangouts for weaks, especially during the ebb tide. As the tide reverses from incoming to outgoing, food in the form of shrimp, worms, crustaceans, etc., are flushed out into these narrow channels from the flats. Weaks, aware of this concentrated, easy feeding setup, congregate and take advantage of the discharge. Towards evening, the schools will sometimes move into the shallows. Although this has occurred with much less frequency in recent years than back in the mid-70s when weaks on top of the flats were an everyday occurrence.

Fish movement at the change of tide is one of the most significant points to remember. I have witnessed many times, by chart recorder readings, the moments of weaks from one popular feeding area to another as the current reversed flow.

Light tackle is the way to go in the tackle department due to both the fun and the high rate of successfully boated fish. The characteristic soft mouth of the weak sometimes allows the hook to pull out if too much pressure is applied. A slow action system 8 or 9 fly rod, 9' long, combined with floating "WF" fly line is perfect for weakfish when in the shallows. Otherwise, fast sinking lead core fly line should be used for deep penetration. Monofilament leaders (including tippets) should be approximately as long as the rod for shallow work, while in comparison, lead core line leaders should be 3' to 4' long. Weaks feed on butterfish, menhaden,

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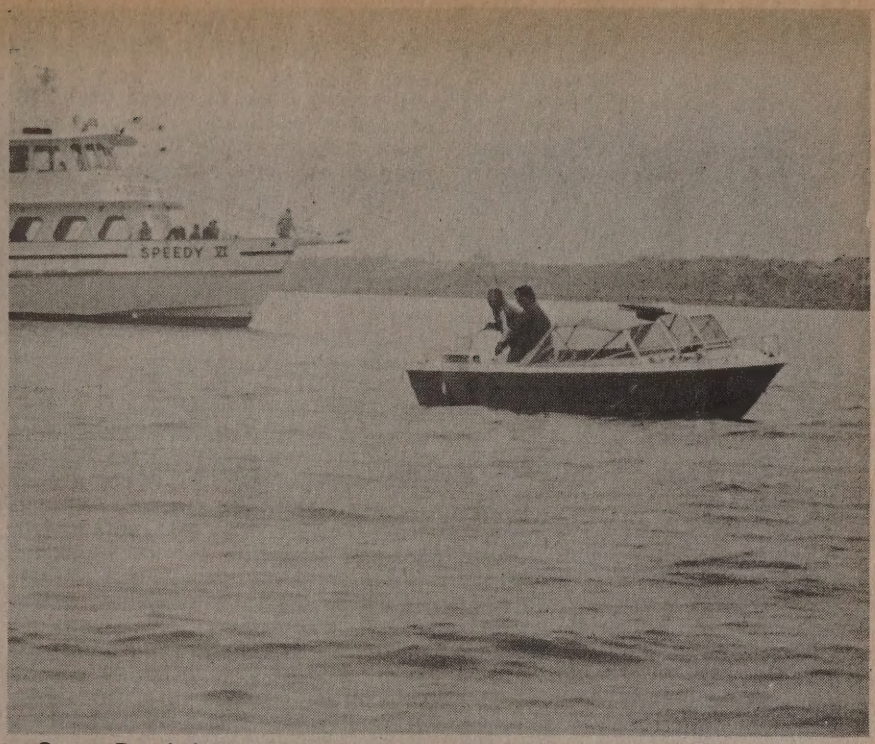
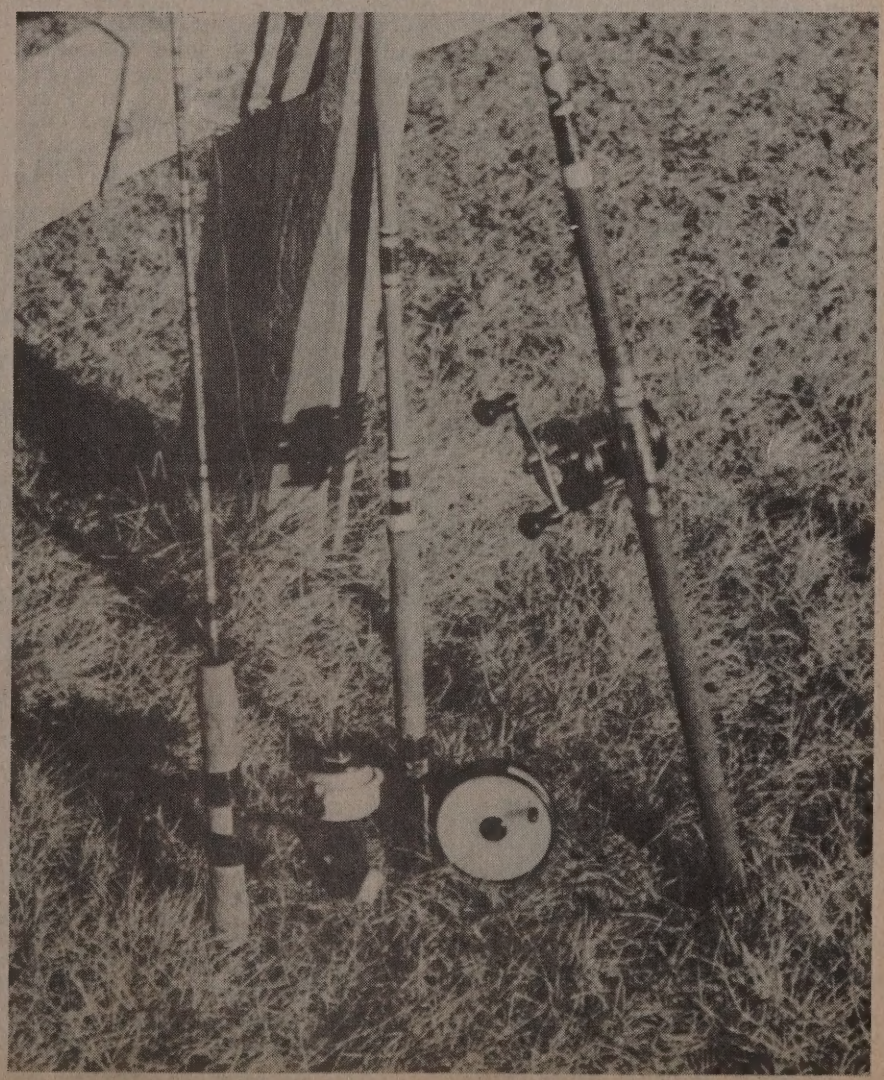


Ocean Beach is a popular gathering point for private and open boats during Great South Bay's spring run.



Light tackle in the form of spinning, fly or bait casting gear is used by anglers seeking spring run weaks.

sand eels, silverside, mackerel and snappers, plus invertebrates such as shrimp, squid, crabs and worms. Some of the latter are scrupulously copied by saltwater fly tyers and used with appropriate action to take weaks. Spin enthusiasts load their reels with 6 to 10 lb. test monofilament in conjunction with a light action 6' to 6½' long rod. My favorite ultra-light reel is the Zebco Cardinal 3, but Shakespeare, Penn, and Daiwa offer reels ideally suited as well. Be aware of the last few runs of the weak near the boat and keep a fairly loose drag on these reels (about 1/2 line breaking strength). Most of the fish are lost just prior to boating by too tight a drag setting. Baitcasting reels such as the Garcia Ambassadeur series, Shakespeare's Presidents, or the Penn 940 combined with matching rods offer still another mode of light tackle. These short, contoured handle casting rigs are rapidly gaining increased popularity ratings for saltwater use. Drag mechanisms associated with the casting reels offer smooth, steady control which is a big plus for this type of fishing.

With all the successful artificial lures on the market, many fishermen have reduced or stopped using live bait, probably because of economic reasons. The run of "Bagley's" Salty Dog started the artificial movement, followed by tackle manufacturers producing Curlytails, and Mister Twisters. The Trif-Fin Eelworm and Sand Eeel copies are still another excellent lure. Most recently, the craze of Jelly Worm artificials has been extremely popular even though this artificial was primarily designed for use in freshwater. Colors in red, white and purple have been especially productive. Changing colors, at times, has made the difference between catching and not catching fish. "Jelly worms" can be weighted to stay at almost any level of feeding by placing a bullet-shaped sinker in front of the worm, or by inserting a jig lead head/hook combination through the plastic or rubber material.

The retrieve sometimes is an important as the color for success. After the cast, a very slow retrieve is initiated. Sometimes a slight resistance on the retrieve will be felt (this is the weak mouthing, or toying with the bait); hesitate slightly, wait a few seconds and sink the hook firmly. Other times a slight, intermittent twitch on a slow retrieve will entice the most tight-mouthed weak to strike. Working artificials in known baitfish areas by dangling the plastic or rubber material in turbulent current rips without movement is another deadly method for catching weaks. An incident several years ago on the Heckscher flats demonstrated this proven technique. My boat was slowly drifting with the wind, we were casting and retrieving, covering the shallows as we moved. Three of us were facing the wind (windward side) whereas one fisherman was casting and retrieving on the leeward side. The one fisherman was outfishing us 5-to-1. The reason, obvious to me at **this** time, was that his artificial, identical to ours, was hardly moving and possible almost stationary on the bottom. These weaks were either feeding warily on the bottom, or favoring an extremely slow moving bait. This reinforces a philosophy of revising speed and depth of retrieve at times when weakfish seem to be feeding cautiously.

Almost analogous to the Great South Bay area is the arrival of weaks in the Peconic Bay area which is signalled by catches from the Shinnecock Canal. Once settled into the bay, spots like Robins Island, South Race, Rose's Grove, Shelter Island's South Ferry, Greenlawns and Jessup's Neck become hot. Again, follow the latest reports for pinpointing locations. Most important to successful weakfishing, remember that weakfish feeding areas and habits change. Be prepared to investigate new locales with similar bottom formations as well as old by consulting your small craft chart. Also, change type and sizes of artificials. When the doldrums set in, vary retrieves and switch colors as well.

If you're skillful and lucky enough to land on a school of weaks, remember that any weak measuring less than 12" should be released carefully. Help keep these hard hitting, yellowfins a part of the Long Island Fshing scene for years to come!

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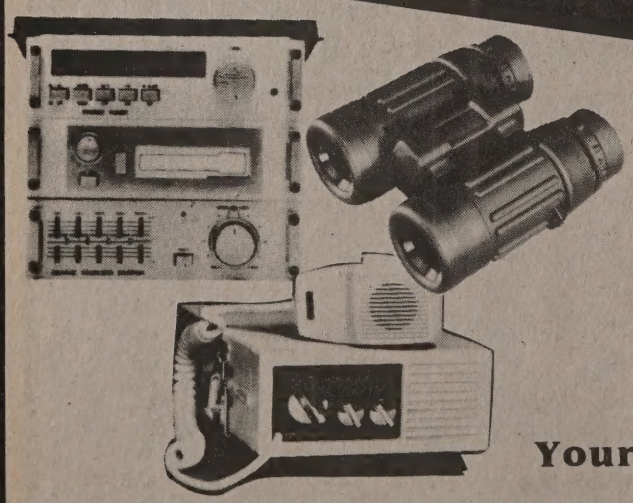

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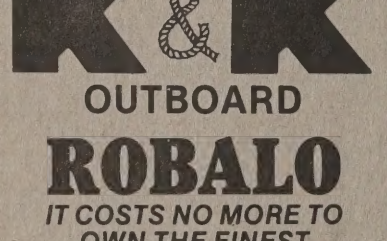

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Those interested in the bluefin tuna resource are probably well aware of the problems facing that species. I've written about this situation several times in recent months, and won't go into a great deal of background detail in this article. Right now we have a new proposal for bluefin tuna management before us and it's essential that concerned anglers make their opinions known to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) by May 19th.

The hearings on the new proposed rules (adopted under the ICCAT agreement) started on April 19th in Madeira Beach, Florida and continued in Louisiana and Texas before reaching West Long Branch, New Jersey on April 26th. Despite the fact that the night was distinguished by pouring rain, 57 fishermen showed up for the New Jersey hearing. An even better crowd assembled at Riverhead, Long Island the next night, and huge turnouts were expected at hearings in Massachusetts and Maine.

As previously explained, the U.S. must (under the ICCAT accords) reduce it's catch of bluefin tuna by about 60%. In order to do this, NMFS has proposed a twofold approach to allocating the 605 metric tons (about 667 short tons) assigned to us. In directed fisheries there will be 320 metric tons (353 short tons) for the various giant tuna handgear fisheries and 90 metric tons (99 short tons) for the recreational school tuna category. Incidental catch allocations proposed are 40 metric tons for swordfish longliners and 155 metric tons for purse seiners.

In essence, the directed purse seine fishery will be ended. That's only as it should be since it was purse seiners (not the Japanese) who slaughtered the formerly endless schools of bluefins in the 60s and have continued to do so even since the present regulatory schemes were started. At the negotiations in Miami, the Japanese and Canadians made a strong point about ending the purse seining of school tuna—probably the single most important facto preventing that species from sta a recovery. However, the prop rule does call for an exceptio large by-catch of 155 tons of sc tuna while the seiners are workin skipjack. The Fisherman has represented at each of the mee concerning the ICCAT reduct and we find it hard to justify su large by-catch for the seiners.

At the Washington meeting (i State Department), the original s tific proposal was for a 43 by-catch—and that was jacked u 79 metric tons during the cours the meeting. The seiners appe satisfied with that level of by-cat the skipjack fishery, but now figure has almost been dou Fortunately, NMFS has propos limit of 10% by weight to the blu that can be brought in as part seining catch. While that prov makes the by-catch more accepta still see no justification for raisi from 79 metric tons.

The recreational school tuna c is actually a few tons more than year's estimated catch. Neverthe NMFS calls for a reduction in daily catch limit from four per a to two. This probably won't more than 10-20 tons difference i catch, and seems to be nothing than a sop to the seiners—NMFS cials demonstrating that the cutting down sportsmen as well a seiners. If this was truly a cons tion measure, I'd go along wit However, it is actually contrary t scientific request that the recreat school tuna fishery be usec monitoring. Indeed, in the Env mental Impact Statement it is that "such a reduction in catch impact NMFS's ability to monito stock since (1) reduced catches not provide adequate sampling o small and medium age groups, (2) the effort data will be inconsi with data collected over the p 1977-81."

At the Long Branch meeting, Bruce Freeman (Marine Admin

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or New Jersey) and I argued st this reduction on the basis t would make accurate monitor- mpossible—and, after all, that's this program is supposed to be bout! Nick Cicero also made a good point: that no other group shermen is protected by the rnment against shortages of fish, there is no reason for special ment to be accorded the seiners. rtainly is true that when the rs wiped out the great schools ent during the 60s, there was no rnment sympathy for the charter who had to switch to something —or go out of business!

terms of giant tuna, the proposal hat the fishery be limited to gear (rod and reel, handline, and oon) and that the catch limit be per boat per week. That's a ic reduction from last year and ld be restrictive enough to carry season through the fall. The on will open July 15, and though e will be no separate quotas for n and south under the new osals there will be a 24 metric ton rve for the southern area after ember 1st should the quota be up. In addition, there will be nited catch and release giant tuna ng; buy boats will be eliminated rder to provide for better rcement; and there will be no rate charter boat or harpoon as in the northern area.

ctually, this very restrictive quota s out best for the recreational er. Since the week runs from lay to Saturday, an angler could a giant on both days of the kend and cover two week's limits. handliners and harpooners will er most under this system. ever, there is still a threat to our eries—which start later than those he north. The 24 metric ton rve amounts to only about 100 ts, and that isn't much if the ooners and handliners from the n get into the fish off Block d. Therefore, we are proposing my original suggestion of re-stricting the southern fishery to rod and reel only be applied to the reserve.

Though we can live with proposed regs put forth by NMFS, there are some changes which would be helpful and you are urged to write to NMFS endorsing them:

1. Reduce the purse seine by-catch to the 79 metric tons agreed on in Washington.
2. With the 76 tons saved bring the school tuna quota on rod and reel up slightly in order to restore the four per man daily limit (in accordance with the scientific recommendations for monitoring) and add the rest to the giant tuna quota.
3. Make the reserve for the southern area strictly a rod and reel quota, and increase that reserve (with the savings from the purse seine by-catch) to allow for fishing after mid-September in the Mud Hole area off the north Jersey coast.
4. Insist that NMFS get these regulations in place early enough in June to stop the purse seiners from taking 650 tons of school tuna as they come inshore along the Virginia coast. If the seiners do that they will exceed the total U.S. allocation for the year leaving NMFS with the choice of closing the rest of the season, or going ahead with the new regs and ignoring our international commitment. If the latter occurs, Japan and Canada will be under no further moral obligation to adhere to the ICCAT agreement, and the fate of the bluefin tuna may be sealed! Therefore, it is essential that NMFS get the new regs in place right away or be prepared to use every device at their disposal to stop purse seiners from going to sea.

Your comments should be sent to Allen E. Peterson, Jr., Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, 14 Elm St., Gloucester, MA 01930. You can do your part to help save the bluefin tuna and make the regulations more equitable by commenting before the May 19 deadline. No fancy letters are required—but a show of interest is essential!

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A "hat trick" of flounder, blackfish and mackerel, maybe even spiced by a couple of bass or weaks, is a real possibility on L.I. Sound in May.

Dogwood blossom time in New York signals a potpourri of fantastic fishing on all fronts of Long Island Sound and most fishermen can readily conjure up vivid and often exaggerated memories of days when more than one or two species of fish were hauled over the gunwales into the waiting fishbox. At no other time of the year can the angler match the dependability of a full and mixed stringer to satisfy both his visual and culinary delights. When a fisherman successfully takes a mixed bag of three major spring fish: namely, the flounder, blackfish, and mackerel, on the same outing, he is said to have gotten the "hat trick," and for the lucky individual it takes on the significance of a special event—one to be remembered and cherished.

Take just a minute to go over the spectrum of varied fish that are available to the adventurous among us, during this special time. First of all, the flounder is the staple of satisfaction with the blackfish running a close second in mid-spring; but alas, there are also hordes of annual visitors during this peak period. Mackerel can, at times, seemingly cover the Sound and supply some token thrills with their torpedo-like dashes for freedom after being hooked. By the middle of May, there is a substantial influx of the nomadic and glorious striped bass to tickle the fancy of the purists among us; and last, but certainly not least, there is a smattering of one of our favorite visitors during this special time: the weakfish. "Old Yellow Fins" has made many a mundane day on the

An already nice catch of flounder is added to.

water a real noteworthy experience by his presence. Bass fishermen have been pleasantly surprised over the years by the hard trudging fight of the squeteague while they were attempting to ply a strike from one of the vanguards of the striper migration.

The element of the unknown is what fascinates most who are saltwater fishermen; and never knowing what could, or will take hold of your bait in a given instance is the prime factor why the multitudes are seeking their recreation on the oceans of the world in the form of fishing. Never is this feeling of mystery and promise in evidence than springtime in the lower New York-Long Island area. As related before, the possibilities are infinite as to what a fisherman could catch if he or she applied themselves and the results could, in a manner of speaking, be customized to suit personal preferences and styles. I suspect the most appealing aspect of this seasonal fishing is the simple fact that it is relatively easy. Indeed the fishing for bass and weakfish require more refined skills, but on the whole, most other species can be taken in fair numbers with little degree of sophistication of both angler and equipment. The fishing done at this time of year can be accomplished, for the most part, with moderate to light tackle, generally consisting of rods in the 6' to 7' range, coupled with line testing no more than 15 lbs. Ten pound test of a quality manufacturer is a good focal point and can tackle almost any situation you will encounter. Instead of having to carry several rods to master different tasks during the spring, you can enjoy them all with one outfit and make simple changes in terminal gear. Pre-made flounder rigs, mackerel trees, diamond jigs, and a variety of jigs, both bucktail and rubber-bodied would suffice on almost any day in spring. Of course, there are and always will be surprises, and I suppose they explain the inexplicable need for three brimming tackle boxes on each outing. We are all basically the same!

Rounding up a supply of related accessories is the way to get started on your assault of these available species. Triple-hooked flounder rigs with red reflective tape on the shaft of each hook, or the ones with simulated corn, and a variety of rubber-cored clinch sinkers will leave an indelible mark on the resident flatty population. Generally, heavier terminal gear is used in the pursuit of blackfish; bug we do the majority of our serious blackfishing in the fall and settle for an incidental catch while concentrating on spring flounder. Most flounder grounds on both the Connecticut and Long Island sides of the Sound are adjacent to rock out-croppings; and this proximity puts more than just a few blackfish in the vicinity of your baited flounder hooks. Although some outsized blackfish are lost because of the relatively weak flounder hooks straightening, a properly set drag can

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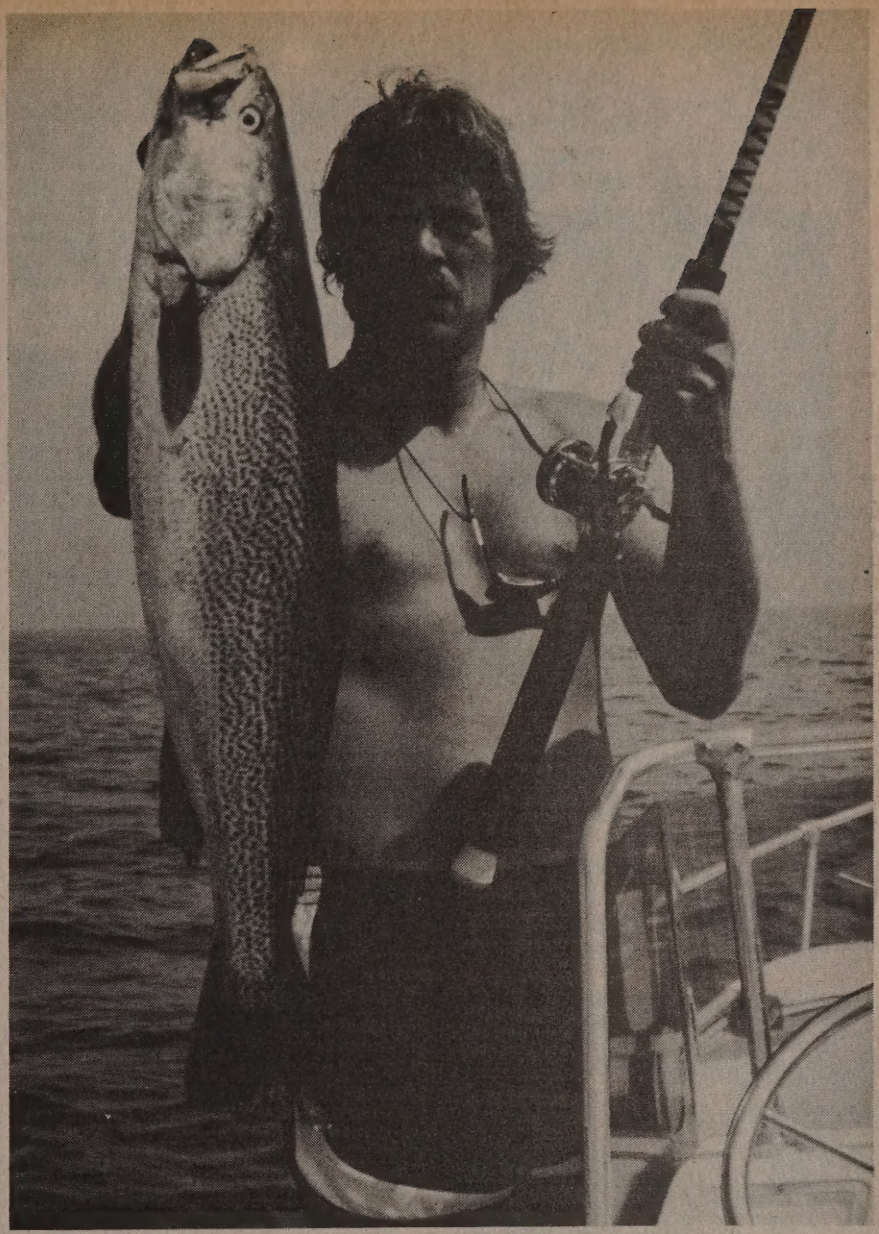

Late spring brings weaks, such as the one displayed by the author, into Long Island Sound.

John Kervan about to swing aboard a couple of "Bostons."

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overcome most of these rambunctious "shell crackers." For mackerel, a selection of diamond jigs from 1/4 to 1¼ oz. and a few Christmas tree rigs (leader with a set of multi-colored tubes along it) will suffice. For the glamour boys (bass and weakfish), the aforementioned bucktail and rubber jigs, strips of pork rind, and 1/2 to 3/4 oz. surface poppers will get the job done. All of these ingredients unite as a formidable arsenal whose communion can spell certain doom for goodly numbers of finned adversaries. With the celebrated passing of each winter, it's no wonder such enthusiasm abounds at this time.

A recollection of a weekend this past year in late May exemplifies what I am referring to. Myself, and two partners caught upwards of five separate species within a two mile radius of where we first set out our anchor. We began on an early, damp, Saturday morning in mid-May with a steady drizzle as our unchartered guide. On my boat this particular morning were John Kervan, a long time crony who has been on hand for a good many of my ups and downs over the year, and my brother-in-law, Mike Gansfuss. We donned our slickers and headed out the tidal creek into the waters of Long Island Sound near my berth in Cos Cob, Conn. After heading northeast for nearly five minutes, we slinked our way into a backwater bay to assault the local flounder population. Unquestionably, AM is flounder time, and in my opinion, fishing for the flatties is marginal at best in comparison to the action you can have if you time your trip to coincide with the flounder's breakfast schedule! Unlike many fish, the flounder don't forage heavily after dark, so the optimum period to catch them is in the morning when they stock up on nutrition for the next day.

Our chum, which consisted of liberal amounts of cooked rice, bunker, and corn, had barely settled into the five foot waters of the bay, when John Kervan's rod did a familiar tap dance routine resulting in a 1 lb. "mud-hugger." Mike was next in line for action and he succeeded in landing a double-header of good size flounder. While I was replenishing our chum, my line began to move off in a steady flow, contrary to any flounder accounts I had ever read; and after setting the hook it did not take an over-abundance of common sense and experience to realize that the customer here was no flounder. The fish bolted in resistance to the 6 lb. test and bulldozed in steady half circles around the boat before succumbing and showing its ugly face to John at the stern of the boat, where he deftly slipped the net under 7 lbs. of "buck-toothed" blackfish. Each of us was lucky enough to have a few big blackfish take our gear for a ride before the tide was dead. Totals for the first two hours of fishing were 36 flounder and 7 blackfish—all caught on sandworms.

The tide being full, we decided to grab a quick bucketful of mackerel for both our eating pleasure and bait for "Mr. Linesides" during the next month's fishing. Off the Connecticut/New York area in May, one can usually expect a decent run of Boston mackerel between the end of April and the beginning of June. On our way to the flounder grounds that morning, we had zoomed by many telltale swirls on the flat surface, prime indicators that mackerel were in residence. Heading out into the mid-Sound area not more than a half mile from the flounder hole, we slowly drifted and cast half ounce, single hooked chromed lures to the fish. What great fun macks are when caught this way, and they can really give an excellent account of themselves when tested with light gear in the 6 lb. range. Fly rod enthusiasts have an especially good time flicking mylar-strewn streamers to these "tiger-striped rockets." Fish in the 2-3 lb. range can really put a substantial bow in one of these long "wands"; and backing streaming through the snake guides is a sight far too many fishermen miss out on.

We enjoyed a leisurely lunch while catching mackerel whenever the spirit moved us. Mike and I accounted for the major part of our mackerel catch as John is not one easily prodded from his lunch activities, especially if some homemade brownies happen to be amongst the bounty!

With the tide beginning to ebb, we reconnoitered and decided to try to take a few stripers from a series of rock eddies about a mile from our flounder fishing area. We had already taken the spring "hat trick" as it is known locally: flats, blacks and macks! Anything from this point on would be strictly icing on the cake—and what delicious icing it proved to be for our group. Each of us knotted on his favorite bucktail or rubber-bodied jig in 1/4 to 1/2 oz. sizes, and systematically began working the small jigs in a slow, but deliberate fashion. There is an annual profusion of grass shrimp in our section of the Sound during the spring, and our tiny jigs simulated these tasty morsels to perfection. I was fortunate enough to entice a 4 lb. schoolie to my lure as well as a 7 lb. weakfish which surprised us all. Mike laid claim to three short bass; and a solid bump on John's rod was the only other interruption of the day before we began stowing our gear for the ride in. As our boat sped across the calm water, more swirls could be detected from the rampaging mackerel. But we had our fill and were headed non-stop into the harbor. At dockside, we couldn't help but marvel at the variety and quality of our catch. I suspect this would be considered an exception feat to some people, yet at this time of the year it can, and is, easily duplicated by many.

Why not be one of them this spring, and see for yourself what it's like to get a Long Island Sound "hat trick" and then some!

East End Report

by Stu Miller

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Codfishing continues very good to excellent for both the open boats and charter boats at the Island's eastern tip. Fish are running from 3 lbs. well into the 50s and a few 60s are also being taken, with an occasional good shot of pollack which are showing a preference for diamond jigs. The boats are seeing perhaps the best cod season in the last decade.

The **Viking Star** found things a little picky during the week, but Saturday and Sunday saw excellent catches of fish 12-52 lbs. with 12 and 14 big hangers Saturday and Sunday respectively. There were also some 25-30 lb. pollack on the boat. The **Viking Starship** has returned from its winter fishing in Florida. The special trips to Georges Banks and Nantucket are booking fast and the skipper suggests that you call and reserve early so as not to miss this tremendous fishing. The first George Bank trip is this Friday. See ad for reservation phone number. aboard the charter boat **Lori-Jay** on Thursday a trip for the Mamaroneck Police hoisted 66 cod and 4 snowshoe flounder and 2, 25 lb. pollack. Cod ran 4-15 lbs. off Block Island. Saturday's trip for Allstate Insurance saw 35 cod taken plus a 25 lb. pollack. Six of the cod ran 40-51 lbs. and were caught at CIA.

Aboard the charter boat **Windy**, your reporter fished along with the skipper Captain Jack Passi, Leo, Roger and Barbara for a total body count of 65 cod up to 6 lbs. plus one small pollack. This was off Block Island. The catch was all on clam. A Aboard Capt. Buddy Dorman's 6 man

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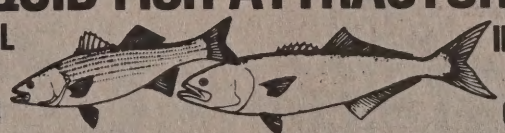

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open boat **Waxed**, Buddy tells us he starts open boat for giant Gardiner's Island snowshoe flounder 7AM daily on Monday, May 17. See ad for details. Budd relates he will continue open boat codfishing until then with action being really good to super everyday he's sailed. Captain Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** called to say that his 53 lb. cod taken for Al Ellis' charter was the biggest fish he's had so far this season. During the week, his parties hoisted lots of 50 lbers. Mike says some big pollack are moving in. He's been fishing the west branch of the "Apple tree." A very unusual occurrence on the boat during this past week was one angler snagging a 46 lb. cod in the gill plate on a diamond jig, while the small tube tied in 3' above hung a 20 lb. cod. This double header had to be backed down on with the boat and they really thought they had caught some monster fish.

Montauk's **Marlin IV** on Sunday had Don Smith with a pool cod of 42 lbs. Second place went to George Schulman with a 39 lber. Ten to 15 other cod were in the 30-35 lb. range. Catches averaged 7-14 cod a man. Saturday's catch was fair with a lot of smaller fish being caught in the 5-6 lb. range. High hook was 17 cod,

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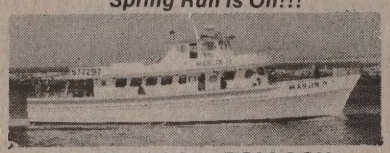

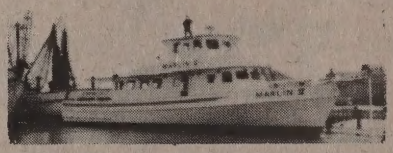

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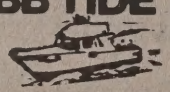

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Aboard the charter boat **Julie III** skipper Ron Grandinetti fished Warren Frank and party of Islip Saturday with 57 cod taking the hook at SW Ledge. Sunday's trip also to SW Ledge resulted in a catch of 72 cod for Lewis Valesquez and party.

Wednesday morning's charter to SW Ledge aboard the **Blue Fin IV** saw 43 cod taken to 15 lbs., plus a 3 lb. flounder for the Asphar group of Westchester. Thursday's trip aboard the **BF IV** for the West group, Manhattan saw a catch of 43 cod up to 44 lbs. Thirteen of these fish were over 30 lbs. at Cartwright. Friday's charter on the **BF I** resulted in a catch of 42 cod to 50 lbs.

SOUTH FORK

Flounder fishing has been red hot all week in the Sound at Petty's Bight and Orient, said Captain Artie Lach, skipper of the open boat **Wilhelric II**. All baits are working and daily catches run from poor to excellent. Jack Gleason and 3 pals Wednesday had over 300 flatties, Thursday saw Pete Bogan of Bethpage bag up with 62 flounder. With proper conditions, Gardiner's Island snowshoes are obliging. Friday's trip saw Ethel Kidwell of SagHarbor grab the pool with a 4 lb. 2 oz. snowshoe. From here on in, Orient and Gardiner's Island will be getting close attention from the skipper. The boat will be making its first night weakfish trip Friday May 14 at 7PM. These trips will be run every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night. Also at Sag Harbor, Chris at **Bay View Fishing Station** notes that Gardiner's and Cedar Point as well as Gibon's on Mashomak have

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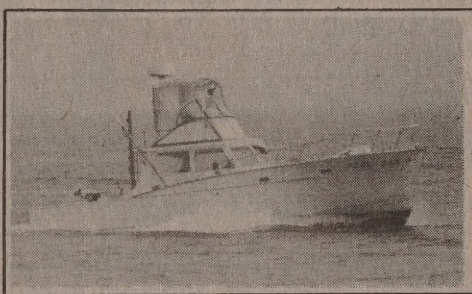

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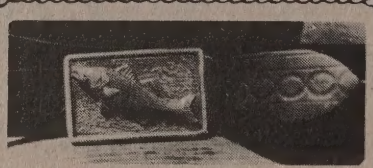

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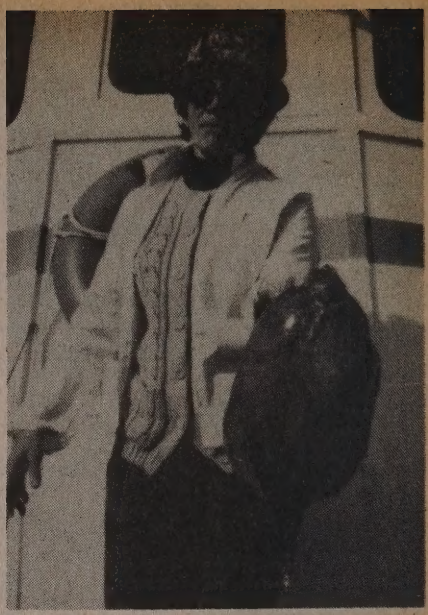

Mrs. Ethel Kidwell, fishing aboard the Sag Harbor open boat "Wilhelric," boated this 4 lb. 2 oz. snowshoe flounder on Friday, May 7th.

been producing good flounder catches up to 2 lbs. Macks are being nailed like crazy in Noyac Bay, and Jessup's. Shore casters are also getting them off Long Beach with a few bonus weaks thrown in. Big 8-12 lb. weakfish are being taken around the ferry and Mashomak Point and buoy 16 in Noyac Bay on jelly worms and squid. You can also try a hi-lo rig utilizing squid strips.

Lou Graziano hefted an 11½ lb. weakfish Friday which he took off Jessup's on the Noyac Bay side on am amber Salty Dog tipped with squid. On Saturday boats had anywhere from 3-7 weakfish with fish averaging 5½ lbs. on nearly all artificials armed with squid strips. Buoy 16 off Long Beach is also producing at night. Sunday saw great flounder for Dennis Kennedy, Paul Panik and pals off the nets at Jessup's. Sixty flounder was their reward on worm and mussel and clam chum.

Over at Shinnecock Canal, the **Captain Clark** reports fair to very good flounder action in Shinnecock Bay, depending on the tide and weather conditions. Wednesday had excellent action for fares able to load up on flounder to 2 lbs. on mussels and sand worms. Thursday had the same action, but Friday the action dropped off due to bad east winds. Saturday fares were able to hook fish to 2 lbs. Captain Clark plans to switch to weakfishing May 19. Reports from Peconic Bay are good with the first weakfish being caught at South Race and Robin's Island.

Presently leading in the Flounder Derby being held at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in Southampton is Lillian Hug of Amagansett with a 4 lb. 14 oz. flounder caught at Tobaccolot/Eastern Plains Pt. Runner up is Ed Kistner of Paramus, NJ with a fish of

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3 lbs. 14 oz. (rather, two of them) caught Saturday, same area. Junior Division is led by Kenny Vander Hoeven, age 10, with a 3 lb. 7 oz. flounder, caught in the same area. Leading the weakfish division is a 13 lb. 14 oz. weak taken in South Race Sunday by Cutchogue angler Paul Kaloski. The junior division, weakfish is being led by 13-yr.-old Billy Czaikowski. The Canal presently has a slow pick on weaks, flounder and fluke. South Race and Cow Neck should increase in activity by the end of this week. Jelly worms have been excellent for weakfish, and Tom says he has a special custom weakfish rig which he makes up that has been dynamite.

A fine catch of large flatties made by Andy Attanasio, Joe Killian and his son at Haven's Point on Moriches Bay. The trio fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station on 5/2/82.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

Despite the start of the spring weakfish run, super flounder fishing, particularly in Great South Bay and South Oyster Bay, overshadowed the arrival of the tiderunners. Moriches Bay was equally blessed with excellent flatfish and in all areas, the size of the fish continues to amaze veteran fish watcher.

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

A good but brief run of weaks through the Shinnecock Canal produced a number of weaks to 10 pounds for caster lucky enough to time their trip just right. Fishing was good through mid-week but died for the weekend. Mickey Altenkirck, of **Altenkirch and Sons** in Hampton Bays, who briefed me on the weakfish situation also spoke of excellent flounder fishing in Shinnecock Bay near buoy 17. During the week, Vito Cuozzi stopped by the shop with 25 flatties, most of which were in the 2 pound range. Mackerel were outside of Shinnecock Inlet in 100 feet of water as of Sunday.

The Gasparre Brothers, of Astoria, sampled both Peconic Bay weaks and Shinnecock Flounder after taking a skiff from **Corr's Fishing Station** on Saturday. Weaks of 7 & 8 pounds were taken near Robins Island before collecting a mess of big flatties off of the Shinnecock Coast Guard Station.

How good was the Moriches Bay flatfish this past week? How about 156 flounder to 1¾ pounds for Ed King, on a visit from ST. Pete, Florida, his son Kevin and Mike Santorello. The trio used sandworms, mussels and corn chum near buoys 41 and 42 during the top of the flood and ebb after leaving from **L & M Marine Fishing Station**. Fishing out of the same station on Friday, John and James Lana, Bob Delisi, Fred Keltey, Bob Pierce and Steve DeGraziano piled in to one of the 20' skiffs and then found the room to put away 171 flatties to 2¼ pounds fishing west of the Coast Guard Station.

Out of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** on Saturday, Tommy Smith and Frank Dias found 64 big flounder at Havens Point. According to Gary of the station, buoys 39 and 42 have also been hot but Haven's Point seems to

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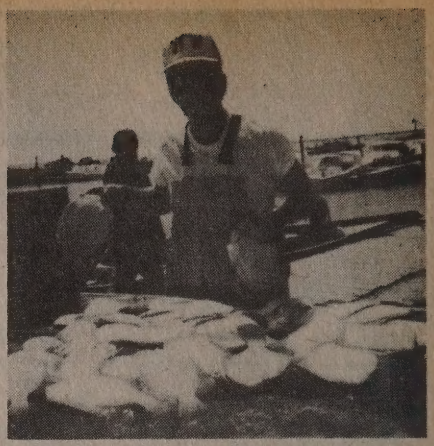

Fishing alone in a Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station skiff, Bruce Winter of Valley Stream put away 61 flounder, most 1-1½ lbs., off of the "brown house" in Moriches Bay.

have larger fish with many from 1½ to 2½ pounds being taken there.

It took Viola Hager and her husband only 3 hours and 1 dozen worms on Saturday to bag 50 fileting size fish at buoy 42. Jeff Frey of **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** who relayed the report, added that all the damage was done on the last half of the Ebb.

At **Skidmore's Fishing Station**, Jim DeVita told of most boats taking 50 to 60 fish. Most are ¾ to 1½ pounds but a good number of 2 pound flatties are mixed in. Worms and consistent chumming is the key and Haven's Point the spot. Mark Bender and Walter Dzuban had 56, Mike and Thomas Fonte, 50, and Joe Sander and Tony Wallace, 72 flatties. All fished on Friday. On Sunday, Ruth Kerz celebrated Mother's Day by bagging 45 flounder.

In the vicinity of the William Floyd Bridge, good numbers of big flounder was the word from Gary at **Stiriz's Fishing Station** in Mastic Beach. Per boat catches ranged anywhere from 30 to a high of 160 fish with the best scores being made at buoys 16 and 17. At buoy 16 on Thursday, Rich Ametio and 2 friends took 87 flounder up to 2 pounds.

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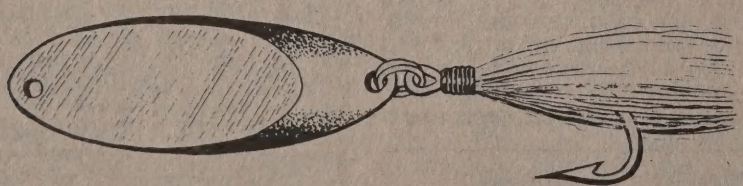

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Both weaks and flounder were in the news here but the red hot flounder action currently underway at the F.I. Lighthouse, Saltaire and Sore Thumb created more of a stir than the weaks over the weekend.

"Rod" DiGiacomo of **J & R Sport Center** in Oakdale told of excellent flounder fishing at the Sore Thumb over the weekend and added that even shore casters did a job on the fish. He also had some weakfish catches to report. John Olsen and Rich Kenehan had one of the better catches back on Wednesday when they took 10 weaks from 6 to 9 pounds on jelly worms at Ocean Beach. Rich

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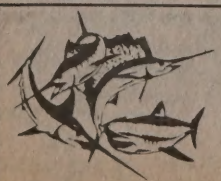

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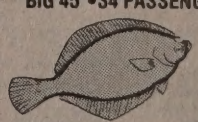

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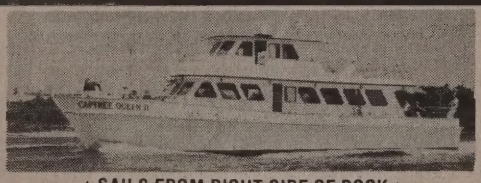

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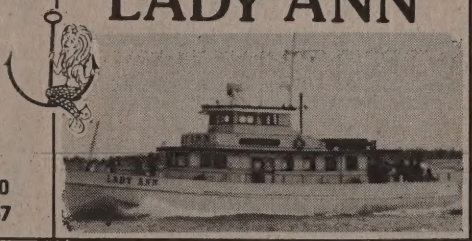

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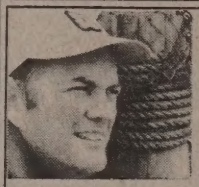
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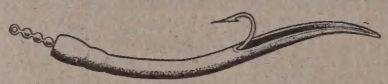

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added a 6 pound sea bass on 6 pound test line to the catch and this fish may be a possible contender for the I.G.F.A.'s 6 pound line class. The two biggest weaks checked during the week included a 12 pounder for Joe Leo of Brentwood and an 11½ pounder for Steve Farro of East Islip. Both were taken on Thursday.

Greg Owsenek's 3 pound 7 ounce flattie copped **Peppy's Bait & Tackle** flounder derby award while Kevin Gershowitz currently leads the weakfish derby with a fish of 11 pounds 9 ounces that he took on Sunday. Ireene, who mans the counterof the East Islip Shop weighed a weak of 10½ pounds for Frank Esposito during the week.

The first hook and line blues to come to my attention were taken on Saturday by Peter and Claudia Giemsch of Lake Grove aboard their new Claudia B. The pair were looking for mackerel south of Fire Island Inlet in 50 feet of water when a pair of 6-7 pound class choppers interrupted their maiden trip. The fish were for real beacause I personally inspected the catch on the couple's return to East Islip Marina. The blues are also a good clue to the fast departing mackerel schools in this area.

Bay Shore Tuna Club member Tom Woodruff used sandworms to put away a pair of weaks to 11½ pounds at Ocean Beach over the weekend. He checked the fish with Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in Bay Shore. Carl told of porgies, sea bass, and even a few blowfish starting to show in the Ocean Beach area. He was amazed at the quality of the flounder fishing taking place at Saltaire, the Lighthouse, and the Sore Thumb and added that macks are all but gone with boats on Sunday having to run all the way east to Shinnecock.

Richard Miko shows off a 2¼ lb. flattie that was among the catch he made at buoy 16 after renting a skiff from Stiriz' Fishing Station in Mastic Beach.

Super, super flounder fishing. Those were the words echoed by Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Casey Lee** who called the fishing the hottest in years. Over 500 flatties came aboard on Sunday with Charlie Payne taking 37 and even nine year old Greg McMullen accounting for 23 big flatties. Barry Nathan had 39 fish on Thursday. Best action has been along South Beach, near the light, and at the Sore Thumb. Saturday's evening weakfish trip resulted in 12 tiderunners for 17 fares. Ruth Donato had an 11½ pounder and paired it with a 7 pounder. Fishing was done in the East Island area.

Open and Charer boats of the Captree Fleet returned laden down with big flounder over the weekend. After erratic fishing most of the spring, more than one skipper wondered out loud "where the heck all the fish came from." The Saltaire-Clam Pond area, F.I. Lighthouse, and Sore Thumb have all been providing "super" action.

Aboard the **Capt. Ben Litwin** on Sunday, a pair of nine year olds showe whats possible with Joe Aruta taking 36 fish and Roger Konecny taking 31. On Tuesday, Lillian Hyman (Sadie of **One Life To Live**) bagged 44. Theresa Merrett (of **That's My Mama** fame) also did a nice job on the fish.

Aboard the **Capt. Bob Joseph**, skipper Larry DelRossi spoke 20 to 30 fish a man flounder catches and told of Sunday's hi-hook who had 60 big fish. He also reminded that he will be sailing daily for weaks at 4PM beginning May 12.

The charter boat **Yankee III** reported an excellent catch of flatties for a party headed by Joe Crima on Saturday. Fishing was done at Clam Pond and the lighthouse.

Nancy Greg had 3½ pound blackfish and her son Kevin a 3 pound flounder to lead the way on Saturday's charter aboard the charter boat **Prime Time.** On Sunday, 15 men from Tashiba Electronics totalled 350 flatties.

The charter boat **Lady Ann** has been riding hard on the flounder but have the flats a rest on Tuesday tofish a couple of offshore wrecks which produced pollock and cod to 35 pounds on iigs and bait.

Aboard the charter boat Captain Leo on Sunday, a group of women, collectively known as the Lady Reelers, out did themselves by taking nearly 500 flatties. Most were between 1 and 1½ pounds but some ran much larger. Also, Capt. Chip Cotegni reminded that he is offering specials on small group weakfish charters. See his ad for details.

Captl Rod Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Rod** couldn't find the words to describe the current run of flounder. On Friday, to break the monotony, he experimented on a piece of bottom at Ocean Beach and in just a short time pulled 150 porgies, a few blackfish, seabass and a nicke weakfish. On Sunday, the first few blowfish were mixed with the flatties.

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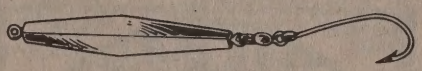

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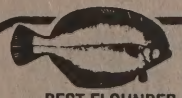

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Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** labelled the flounder fishing "phenomenal" all week long between the lighthouse and Sore Thumb. Sunday's first of the daily 3PM weakfish trips produced 7 weaks to 10 pounds. Fishing was don in W. Channel with Jelly and sandworms.

Other Captree boats making hay with the flatties included the charter boats **Blue Albatross, Dixie** and the open boat **Capt Joseph II**. Aboard the latter, fluke fans can get a jump on the season as the boat is now combining fluke with flounder.

Rather than try to describe the magnitude of the flounder fishing in the area, Fred of **Augie's Bait & Tackle** simply told of Nick Zigo, alias "Baron of the Bay" who along with 3 other crew members on Saturday piled over 200 flounder into his Babylon Tuna Club boat Fancy Nancy. Twenty of the fish were over two pounds! All were taken at the Sore Thumb. Also on Saturday, Dick Suoboda of the Miss Marion took 32 cod from 20 to 36 pounds off of an unnamed wreck. Of the weaks, Fred looked over a catch of several weaks, including fish of 12.10 and 11.13 pounds, made on Saturday by Rick Bauman and Brian Sullivan aboard the Beach Bum. The pair worked the Ocean Beach grounds.

Shore casters have also been doing a job on the flounder in the Sore Thumb Pocket. "Poppy" of **Suffolk Marine Bait and Tackle** in Babylon told of Pete Lanzetta who had 60 fish of which ⅓ were around the 2 pound mark. Two Bay Shore Tuna Club members took the shore route also and showed Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** 30 big fish over the weekend. Joe Caita took 18 up to 2½ pounds from the Oak Beach Shore on

Friday.

Babylon Captain's Association boats that joined the mackerel search on the weekend included the Luci II and the Cindy Ann II. Fortunately, Sore Thumb flounder bailed out the trips according to Capt. Jack Stoddard of the **Luci II**.

Rudy Malito had 4 weaks from 8-10 pounds and Larry Oehler 6 up to 9 pounds on Sunday. Both fished the Ocean Beach area and checked their fish with Mike at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**. Jellies and sands did the damage. Mike also had some outlanding flounder reports to pass along. On Friday, Phil Milani, Mario Maltese, and Jim McFarland totalled over 100 flounder and an 8½ pound weak. On Saturday, Bruce Miklis and Ray Bovine, aboard the Painless, put away 100 flatties and on Sunday, Mike and Sal Pizzurro had 105 and a 6 pound weak. All fished in the vicinity of West and East Fire Island.

Three weaks, including a 13 pounder, were in by Gil Heckle at **Capt. Jack's East** on Saturday. Joe Guerra was the angler. Gil also extolled the great flounder fishing in the area.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Here too, fantastic flounder fishing was the rule. Gary at **Jonas Bait & Tackle** in Copiague called the fishing excellent at Squaw I, Mass Cove and in the state Channel. Some blacks are at the bridges and the mackerel have departed to the east.

Joe Noto clicked with a pair of 7 pound weaks and Rich Malmar had a 10¼ pounder on Saturday according to Jack Stoddard of **Capt. Jack's West** in Amity Harbor. Rich fished with his sons Rick and Scott and put away 4 fluke on Salty Dogs as well. They fished West Channel. Also on Saturday, Red Brady checked in a tub of flounder taken on worms and mussels at the Sore Thumb.

Over in th Seaford area, Capt. Brian of the **Chinco II** raved about the super flounder fishing which has been taking place at Squaw Island and the State Channel all week long. One trip during the week resulted in 9 fares taking 311 flatties up to 2¾ pounds with most being over 1 pound. Mussels and worms are both taking fish and tide makes no difference as long as its moving. A weekday charter led by Jim Kwienski resulted in catches which averaged 30 fish per man.

"Tremendous" was the word used by John Dombroski of **Pop's Fishing Station** in Seaford to describe the local flounder fishing. As evidence of the hot fishing, Red Dwanger, Ken Marks and Mike DeBenedetto totalled 158 flatties to 3 pounds at Squaw Island on Sunday. Beginning to mix with the big flatties are porgies, sea bass, blackfish, fluke, weaks and eels.

"Thirty to 50 fish a boat catches are about average" said Art Wright of **Capt. Eddies Fishing Station**. Mass. Cove and Great Island Channel were

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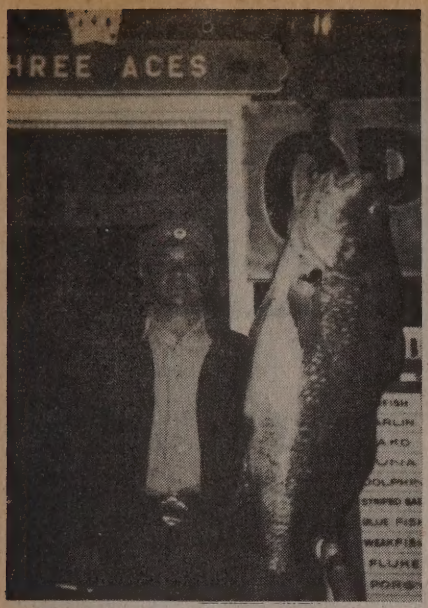

You can imagine the surprise suffered by Al Siegel of Brooklyn when he hooked up with this 59½ lb. black drum while flounder fishing in the Quogue Canal back on April 27. These large members of the drum family only occasionally range as far north as Long Island. It was weighed at Three Aces Bait & Tackle in Hampton Bays.

very good this week. Pat Greco had a 7½ pound weak to go with a mess of flats on Sunday.

John Leisz checked in with 33 flounder taken at Four Corners on Saturday according to Sal at **Custom Tackle.** He used boodworms on yellow squigley rigs to take the fish. On Sunday, Mr. & Mrs. King of the Canterbury Fishing Club worked Sloop Channel for 47 nice flounders. Sal noted that a couple of fluke are starting to show in the area.

The best of the flounder action is at Four Corners and Squaw Island according to Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Bait & Tackle** in Seaford. Lon labelled the fishing tremendous with lots of big fish (2 pound range) evident in catches. Biggest of the week was weighed in by D. Lee and F. Perez at 3 pounds even. The snowshoe was among a catch of 40 big fish taken at Squaw Island. Mussel chum has been the key toall of the best catches. On saturday, ''Big George'' and Stan Zaremba used jelly worms to take 4 weaks to 8½ pounds in the State Channel near the Captree drawbridge. They topped the catch with 20 big flounder at Squaw Island.

Plenty of flounder was also the word from Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore. He looked over 2 5 gallon pails of big flatties taken locally by a one regular customer on blood worms and mussel chum. Most weakfish fans have been running East to Ocean Beach.

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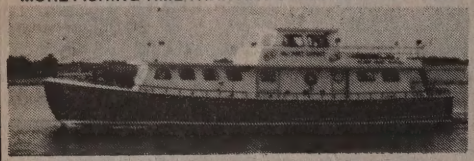

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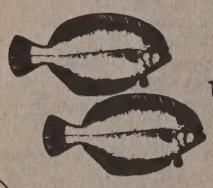

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Western South Shore Report

by Stu Miller

WEST END BAYS & INLETS

Starting with the **Freeport Fleet** generally we can say that the mackerel have departed after a quite brief stay in the area. The flounder fishing this week has been good to excellent and if there has been any kind of a reduction in the numbers of fish, it is more than made up for by the size and quality of the flatties, which are generally running from 1-2½ lbs.

The **Bluefin Fleet** had good mackerel fishing Monday for a BOCES group. So heavy was the catch that roughly 600 lbs. were left on the boat at day's end. Saturday's charter for Hanover Bank saw high hook honors go to Ed Goodwin of North Merrick with 41 mackerel. Thursday's flounder trip for a NYC fire company and Friday's trip for an NYC Port Authority group saw flounders up to 2 lbs. caught at Reynolds Channel and in Jones Inlet, fish averaging 1/2 to 3/4 lbs. on worms, mussel and clam. A group from upstate enjoyed the same good flounder action Saturday with Tony Tchorzyk of Brewster, NY taking high hook honors. Mike Bush snagged the pool with a 2½ lb. flounder. Sunday's flattie charter fished south of Loop Bridge and Reynold's Channel. The pool fish ran 1¾ lbs. and they also had a sprinkling of sea bass and blackfish in Reynold's Channel. Six keeper fluke were also caught on Thursday's trip. The **Capt. Lou Fleet** has been having an excellent week and weekend. Franklin Square angler Ron Drexler on Monday caught 48 flounder. Mike says fish have been big, up to 3½ lbs. this week. High hooks on the all day boat have been ranging in the 40s and 50s and since the catches are too good to leave, the boats will be staying with flounder regardless of an early showing of fluke. The flounder are big and fat. The skipper says it seems to be better everyday. The Fleet's half

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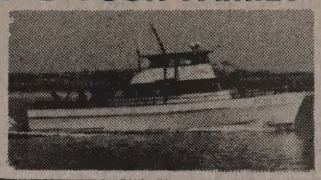

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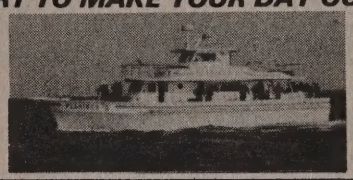

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Captain Richie's **Starstream II** had excellent flounder fishing all week right through Sunday when the boat had to run 43 miles to the east, but they nonetheless loaded up on macks. Macks were bailed 2 and 3 at a time for two solid hours. Captain Pat of the charter boat **Lady J III** on Wednesday had the Queens Village Rotary Club out for flounder in Reynold's Channel. Fish ran 1¾ to 2 lbs. on worm and mussel. Friday's trip for the Monsignor High School, Jackson Heights, also had good flounder action in the same area. It was a run to Patchogue for mackerel Saturday for the Co-Electric Company, NYC. They loaded p on the macks. Starting Friday the **Miss Freeport II** will begin its 3PM fluke trips for the season on a daily basis. This is in addition to the regular 8AM flounder trips. Fares had nearly 500 flounder Sunday. Hicksville angler Pete Mackrodt was high hook taking home 48 fish which resulted in 18 lbs. of fillet. Good size and quantities said the skipper. He advises you to come down now for these giant flounder, before the spring run poops out. The charter boats of the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** loaded up Sunday on mackerel but that's the end of the macks for now. With fluke now moving in through the inlet, the Association boats will mainly divide their time between these fluke and flounder.

PLease note the **Super Spray II** has concluded its mackerel fishing program and will now be sailing 3 trips daily for fluke. Captain Jim is also scheduling a special cod wreck trip coming up very very soon. See ad for details. On Wednesday, Lee Weisman and friends from the NY Times chartered the **Capt. Gary** and had a super flounder day working Reynolds and Jones Inlet with the last of the ebb best in Reynolds. High hook was Pete Bruno with 34 flounder and also the pool fish. Next high hook was Eric Weisman with 23 flounder. The boat has some choice Saturday May dates open says the skipper. It was a fantastic flounder weeks says Capt. Spider Schmidt of the**Aloma II** with some catches in the high 40s. Sunday there were some catches in the 30s. Generally catches are averaging 10-20

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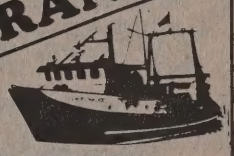

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fish a man on 3/4 to 2 lb. flounder in the Reynolds Channel area. Squaw Island produced a good catch of flounder for Mike Kaufman on Sunday relates Gary Smith of **Hook, Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle.** Wednesday night Gary, Greg Necito of Shakespeare and Tom Piaza had over 100 mackerel in just 2 hours fishing north of Cholera. Bluefish reports are coming in, fish being taken by frustrated mackerel yankers. Scattered weaks are being taken by surfcasaters on sand worms from Long Beach to Fire island. Flounde rhave been fewer this week but BIG. Excellent flounder is the word from **Lou's Fishing Station** with big ones being taken at Reynolds Channel across from the docks and also near the Atlantic Beach Bridge. A lot have been weighed in over 2 lbs., both tides working. Great blackfishing at the Meadowbrook bridge, fish to 7½ lbs. along with 2-3 lb. sea bass. Seven cod up to 30 lbs. was the reward for Lou Benson on his boat Big Lou II. Aboard the charter boat **Capt. Ben** with Captain John Stefken at the wheel, Jerry, John and Mike Bracco totaled 17 keeper fluke and 30 throwbacks on spearing and squid. Howie Sternberg scored with 12 weaks to 8 lbs. fishing Ocean Beach Wednesday using sand and jelly worms. **Hudson Point Fishing Station** hosted the Hudson Anglers/Atlantic Anglers Inter-Club Flounder contest recently. Hudson anglers won the event, taking the 3 largest fish. Fred Ulschmid, 1 lb. 15½ oz., Harvey Smith, 1 lb. 10½ oz., Ron Bauer, 1 lb. 12½ oz. Paul Bartenhagen on Saturday fishing with Frank again hoisted 76 flatties from 1½ - 1 lb. 15½ oz. on worm and mussel. Clam chumming is a must. Friday saw Howaqrd Wardell of Merrick take 37 good blackfish at the Meadowbrook bridge on green

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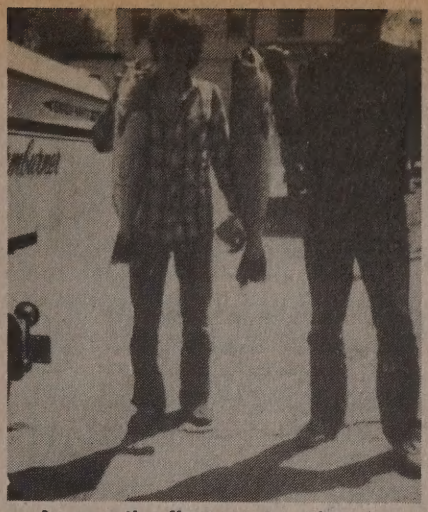
crabs. Fred Bosch on Friday hoisted 21 keeper fluke at Jones Inlet and on Sunday fishing wiht his family Fred had 32 fluke on killies and spearing, fish up to 2¾ lbs. Joe Long and Emmett Dowd socked it to the flatties Sunday in Swift Creek taking 26 flounder to 2.2 on worm and chum on Joe's Reel Easy.

Over in Baldwin **Arthur Street Fishing Station** tells us the cement block area produced fluke this weekend. Flounder remain strong at Short Beach CG station on the east side. Garretts Lead, Scow Creek and off BOCES also produced flounders. A few weakfish at the loop bridge on squid strips in early morning, dropping tide. To the south and Pt. Lookout which is the eastern tip of Reynolds Channel , charter boat **Marie III** passes on the word that Saturday's group had flounder in the AM at the mouth of Reynolds. After that they drifted fluke and took 50 keepers out of a total of 75 fluke. Fish went up to 3½ lbs. Best action was on flounder belly from buoy 17 in Reynolds east to the inlet on the ebb. The 2-trip a day **Capt. Bill** on Sunday had Carl Hotnit, of Jamaica with 30 flounder to 2½ lbs. Roland Giuntini of Port Washington rang the bell with 26 flounder to 2 lbs. High hooks were in the 20s everyday with pool fish averaging 2-2½ lbs. The normal run of fish was ¾ to 2 lbs. The **Miss Point Lookout** had very decent floundering all week, on its 2 half day trips daily. On Monday morning Harold Wregge, former owner of the Sheepshead Bay party boat Chief, swung 25 good flounder aboard. Joe of the Point View Inn, Pt. Lookout had 27 fish. Sid and Bertha had 30. Catches averaged 12-15 fish a man for 1/2 day trip. Double header Sam smiled with 4 doubles for a total of 28 fish.

Steve Signoriello and Sharon Bothuw with a few of the flounder they took west of the Wantagh Bridge. Sharon led the way with a 2 lb. 3 oz. flattie. Subscriber photo.

Thursday afternoon's trip totaled 150 flounder for 9 men plus a few fluke. Joe Esposito had 20 flounder including the 3 lb. pool fish. Friday Morning Tony Moroni scored with 26 flatties including a 3 lber. and 2, 2½ lbers. Saturday mornings run accounted for 400 flounder with Steve Anzallo high hook with 29 flounder and 6 fluke. Sunday morning's trip averaged 12-15 fish a man wtih Rich Claremont high hook with 28 flounder. Two drifts at the loop bridge resulted in 25 keeper fluke coming over the rail. The boat will be staying with the flounder since they are so good and will be rounding off each trip with 1 or 2 drifts for fluke. **Ed's Fishing Station** tells of lots of fluke seen this weekend in their rental skiif with Warren Janda of Rosedale drifting up 32 fluke in Reynolds. Excellent catches were made Sunday all through Reynolds chanle, Swift Creek and the flats. All who fished for them caught fluke, including a 7½ lber. caught in front of the station. Flounder quantities have been fair to good with fish running big. Swift and Fundy have been better this week. A few blackfish at the Meadowbrook bridge on worms and clam.

"Super Flounder fishing" said the skipper of the **Commodore.** Things broke wide open and all week catches have been made of 35 and more a man. Pools are running 2-2½ lbs. with a lot of 1-1½ lbers. Fish are in front now and it's been excellent all week. Blues in the news from **Beckman's Tackle** in Lynbrook. Since no mackerel were under his boat, John Marchesi and Jean Setti on Saturday on the El-Jon put out umbrella rigs and in 60' of water trolled 22 blues from 8-14 lbs. in 2 hours. Wow! Jim Hernandez of San Jose, Calif. while casting for flounder off Long Beach took a 12 lb. striper on a blood worm. Joe DeVitof Inwood fished Jamaica Bay and had 24 blacks to 5 lbs. Saturday on a wreck using fiddler crabs. Weaks reportedly caught on Nordic Els, fish to 9 lbs. at buoy 13, Ocean Beach on Friday. Several decent weakfish catches have



Among the first weaks taken in Great South Bay this spring were these two tiderunners being displayed by Tom Di-Mauro and Jim Sawicki. The pair used sandworms and checked the fish at Skippy's Bait & Tackle in East Rockaway.

been made according to Charlie Beckman. Flounder remain good and are big with Reynolds a prime area. Fluke are being drifted in front of Scottys and Eds Fishing Stations. Seventy percent of these fish are keepers up to 3 lbs.

A true variety of fish this weekend says **Long Beach Sports Marina** for its rental boats. Black, flounder, fluke and a few stripers. Excellent flounder through Reynolds. Chumming a big assist. The first good fluke was taken Saturday for Larry and Peter Gentile. They had 8 fluke to 2 lbs. on sand eels at Duck Point. Sharpies are taking blackfish to 5½ lbs. at the Atlantic Beach bridge on fiddlers. Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** in Atlantic beach tells of super flounder at the bridge and about 1000 ft easat of the bridge. Artie Newman boated a 2 lb. 10 oz. flounder from that hole Sunday on worm and mussel. Blacks at the Atlantic Beach bridge and Silver Pt. Jetty on fiddlers and clam. Weaks at Ocean Beach were the reward for Tony Siniscalchi, Warren Sicherman, Bob Corbelli and Chris Vituchi on Tony's boat Emme. Two flats of sand worms netted them 20 weakfish from 7-9 lbs. 1 oz. Sunday on a flooding tide.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Flounder are still the main event says Skippy of **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in East rockaway with flatties inhabiting all the main channels down to the inlets on all regular baits. Blackfish ar enow in at the bridges, jetties rocks and reefs on fiddler, green crabs, clam and worm. Fluke are starting off with a nice showing a and a lot of keepers among them in the inlets and channels.

Over at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in Howard Beach, Jamaica Bay is producing good flounder off both the north and south channel bridges, fish up to 1½ lbs. FIsh are averaging 3/4 to 1 lb. Silver Hole has been the best bet for boat fishermen producing excellent catches for those chumming. Blackfish starting at the bridges from 1/2 to 5 lbs. John Paul, Maspeth fishing the north channel bridge with clam had 7 blackfish up to 5 lbs. 3 oz. Some rat bass around.

The Howard Beach charter boat **Thermocline** has asked us to let you know he has splashed in and is available for your inshore and offshore chartering needs.

Over in Sheepshead Bay Captain Kevin of the **Dorothy B VII** has been having excellent flounder all week except for Friday and Saturday when action dropped off a bit. Things bounced back to normal on Mother's Day and a solid catch of 1/2 to 2 lb. flounder were taken at Sandy Hook, Sandy hook Bay and several other secret NJ holes. Sand worms worked best on both tides. The skipper see an excellent week of flounder fishing ahead.

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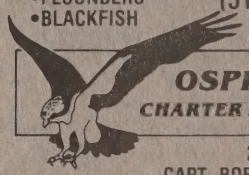
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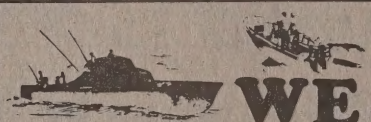
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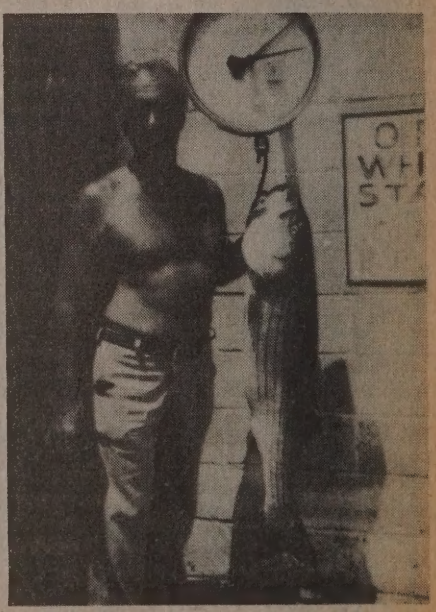
Across the water in **Staten Island** Kevin at **Santos Sport Shop** advises that the flounder are still a good item and are being taken just about everywhere. Best has been Great Kills Harbor, fish running 3/4 to 1 lb. with plenty of throwbacks as well. Stapleton Piers have been good too. Blackfish from 1-1½ lbs. on fiddlers and worms at piers, rocks and lighthouse. Stripers on Red Fins and Rebels, in Great Kills Harbor and The Bogs. Weakfish also at the Bogs up to 9 lbs. The harbors are loaded with baby weakfish, so DO NOT KEEP. There's a big fine involved so remember the 14" limit. It pays off in the long run by keeping the species going.



This 28 lb. striper was taken last summer on a bucktail at Eaton's Neck by Floridian Jim Benedict. It was weighed at Four Winds Bait & Tackle in Huntington.

North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

WESTERN SOUND

Flounder fishing has taken a back seat to blackfish action in most locations, with mackerel plentiful for those who want to travel. Schoolie bass also find their way into the local reports.

John's Gun and Tackle in New Rochelle saw flounder fishing breaking open off Sand and Prospect Points, Bayville, Rye and Captain's Island. Mackerel have come as far up as Mamaroneck and up to Execution Light as well, but mid-Sound further west seems to be a better bet. Mike Ricciardi, who weighs his biggest mackerel at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** hauled 50 fish per night on 4 nights, and his best mac went 2 pounds 7 ounces.

Jack's Bait and Tackle on City Island actually weighed a stunning 14 pound tautog mixed in with a catch of 5-7 pound fish taken by a man named Felix off Stepping Stone Light. Blackfish are in shallow water now.

Small bass to 3 pound have been favoring anglers in Little Neck Bay, Turtle Bay, off Bayville, Center Island, and Matinecock Point. Jeff Thon and Ron Oldenburg have been doing well from the shore and report that most of the bass are legal size and larger. Phil Nasi had a 4½ pound bass off Center Island.

On the fresh water scene, Xavier Aufiero managed a 19'' rainbow from the Connectquot on a #18 March Brown.

City Island Boats have been working on both flounder and mackerel. Pete Anderson's **North Star** will be sailing for flounder on weekdays with mackerel fans on the weekend rails. Pete says that plenty of flatties to 1 pound have moved off the Center Island Reef. Ed Heilemann's **Ebb Tide III** sails twice a day on macs, except Sundays and Mondays when he makes one trip.

Joe Fink's Lady Lil II found plenty of mackerel for his fares in mid-Sound between Lloyd's and Port Jefferson with acres of fish finning in on top. Marco Valzuano managed 80, and Mike and Tom Collins hauled 145. Frank Ackely located a large concentration of macs for the **Tarpon** off Smithtown Bay as well.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Mackerel are in the spotlight here, with some catches of large flounder also reported. Scattered reports mention schoolie bass, a lone porgy, and the first weakfish of the season as well.

Best bet for mackerel is to go to deep water although some pods have been located in shallow areas. Huntington Bay and the Lilco platform off Northport were suggested by George Valentine at **Four Winds** in Huntington. Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's** reported good bass fishing with a lot of fish off Cold Spring Harbor taken by worm trollers. **Huntington Prop** saw a good catch of flounder south of Buoy 13 and Valentine at Four Winds weighed fish between 1½ and 2¼ pounds from Callahan's and Crab Meadow too. Bob Verga had a good showing of blackfish off sand City.

The first weakfish off Crane's Neck and Miller Place were described by the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson. Tiderunners were typical 6 pounders. Although there are good nombers of mackerel at times off Mount Misery Shoal, Buoy 11, **Ralph's** warned that some anglers may not find them, and resuts are often spotty. Flounder are good sized with 3 or 4 fish per rod per hour the norm off the Pink House. A couple of blackfish to 7 pounds were also weighed in. Dick Brown of **Dick's** at Mount Sinai was brokenhearted by the disappearance of his 1-year-old Laborador and would appreciated any help or information from readers of the report.

The **Packy IV** had been loading 200-300 lb. of mackerel in a couple of hours of fishing time off the Northport platform and Packy Collins also reports flounder off Asharoken. The **Ever Ready** will make her maiden voyage this coming weekend and will be sailing daily from the 22nd.

Nick Manzari switched the **Speedy VII** over to macs on Wednesday and worked the schools from Eaton's to Crane's. Henry Olsen has been flounder and mackerel fishing with the **Captain Hank** and feels that the flatties are in the 1½ pound and under class around Port Jeff. Down Shoreham way, John Fisher with the **Aqua Gem** had a pick of flatfish that was steady through the week, with the top pool size a genuine 3 pounder.

NORTH FORK

A little of everything with excellent opportunities on two fronts was the story on the North Fork last weekend. Flounder action on the Sound was very good on the eastern end, and big porgies were just starting in the Peconics. So were the weakfish, Mother's Day crowds were light, but Saturday catches gave good cross sections.

Most weakfish catches from the South Race were made early on Saturday and Sunday on the usual jelly worm assortment. Red, purple, and white were effective along with a drall and live worm combination. Most fish were 6 to 7½ pounds with one 11½ pounder weighed at **Warren's** in Aquebogue. Dan Scotto and the Olsens, Sean and Walter had a catch of 12 weaks, while Sam Vargas, Ralph Torrez, Art King, and F. Salvador pulled 14 fish from the zone between Buoys 29 and 30.

Sal Loria looked at a spectacular catch of Porgies at **Captain Marty's** taken between Nassau Point and Buoy 18. Anchoring and chumming brought in 30 hefty fish to 3½ pounds.

The first weaks of the season off Buoy 17 were taken on mackerel jigs, said Jim Dunkirk at **Port of Egypt**. Dunkirk also sang the praises of the sea porgies to 2 pounds between 17 and 18. Flounder were featured off the Station traps in East Marion and in Petty's too. **Art White** saw fine catches of big flounder from the Tower off Gardiners with many 3½ ound fish.

Dave Brennan described a super flounder season for the **Peconic Star** and the **Brand X** off Orient. Good numbers are available in the 1½ pound class with some six fish a day in the 2½ to 3½ pound range. A fair per rod average is 25-35 fish per day in 55-60 feet of water. Also inthe deep water, a 1¾ pound sea bass and Al Meyer's 3½ ound pollock were added to the weekend catch along with the first porgy of the season. Brennan said that the Greenport boats may take a shot at Gardiner's later this week. Added to the Greenport fleet beginning Wednesday will be the weekday-open boat **Blue Albatross**. John and Anna May Rainis will stay on the flounders, too.

Further west on the Sound, Charlie Caraftis saw a very good Sunday at the **Mattituck Inlet Station** with flounder to 3 pounds 14 ounces. Sharpies could pull 10 to 15 fish per man per day, with the best action on rising water. Soft baits off Cooper's accounted for a catch of 13 blackfish, and one 7 pound fluke as well as a 2½ pound porgy fell to flounder fishermen.

Jerry McGrath of the **Nostalgia II** put Bill Rowan, Al Smith, Jim Powers, Ken Weber, and Ken Biscardi into a mix of big flounder and mackerel off the Pipeline on Saturday. Their Biggest Flounder among 11 fish went an even 3 pounds from 20 feet of water. Mackerel coopereated from Mid-flood until mid-morning at 11AM then quit. An invasion of sea robins, windowpane flounder, and skates is making it difficult for avid flounder fishermen in that area, says McGrath.

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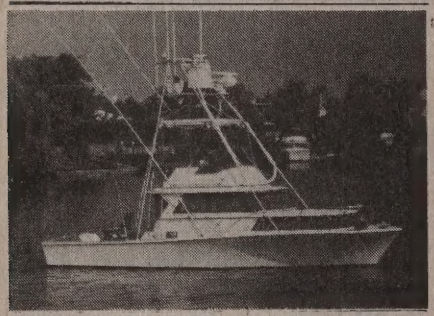

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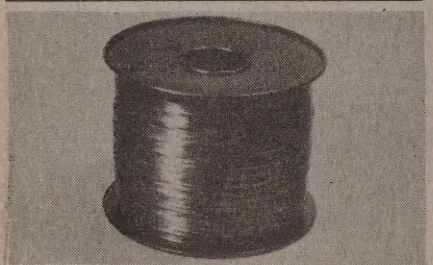

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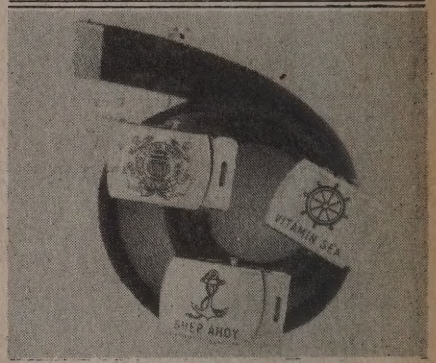

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High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	–	12:10	12:35	1:10	12:20	1:15	1:20	2:15	2:55	3:35	3:15	3:50	–	12:25	5/13
FRI.	12:25	1:00	1:20	2:00	1:00	2:00	2:10	3:10	3:40	4:20	4:05	4:40	12:40	1:15	5/14
SAT.	1:15	1:50	2:15	3:00	1:50	2:45	3:05	4:05	4:30	5:10	4:55	5:30	1:35	2:15	5/15
SUN.	2:10	2:50	3:15	4:00	2:35	3:35	4:05	5:00	5:25	6:05	5:45	6:20	2:30	3:10	5/16
MON.	3:10	3:50	4:10	4:50	3:35	4:30	5:05	5:50	6:25	7:00	6:45	7:15	3:30	4:05	5/17
TUE.	4:10	4:50	5:10	5:45	4:40	5:30	6:00	6:35	7:25	7:55	7:40	8:10	4:25	4:55	5/18
WED.	5:15	5:45	6:00	6:35	5:45	6:20	6:50	7:15	8:25	8:50	8:35	9:00	5:15	5:45	5/19
THUR.	6:10	6:35	6:50	7:20	6:40	7:10	7:40	8:00	9:20	9:40	9:25	9:45	6:05	6:30	5/20

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

5/14	5:41	8:12
5/15	5:40	8:13
5/16	5:39	8:14
5/17	5:38	8:15
5/18	5:37	8:16
5/19	5:36	8:17
5/20	5:35	8:18

Moonrise/Moonset

5/14	1:01AM	10:44AM
5/15	1:40AM	11:43AM
5/16	2:16AM	12:45PM
5/17	2:47AM	1:48PM
5/18	3:17AM	2:53PM
5/19	3:47AM	4:01PM
5/20	4:16AM	5:12PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
5/23	5/29	5/8	5/16

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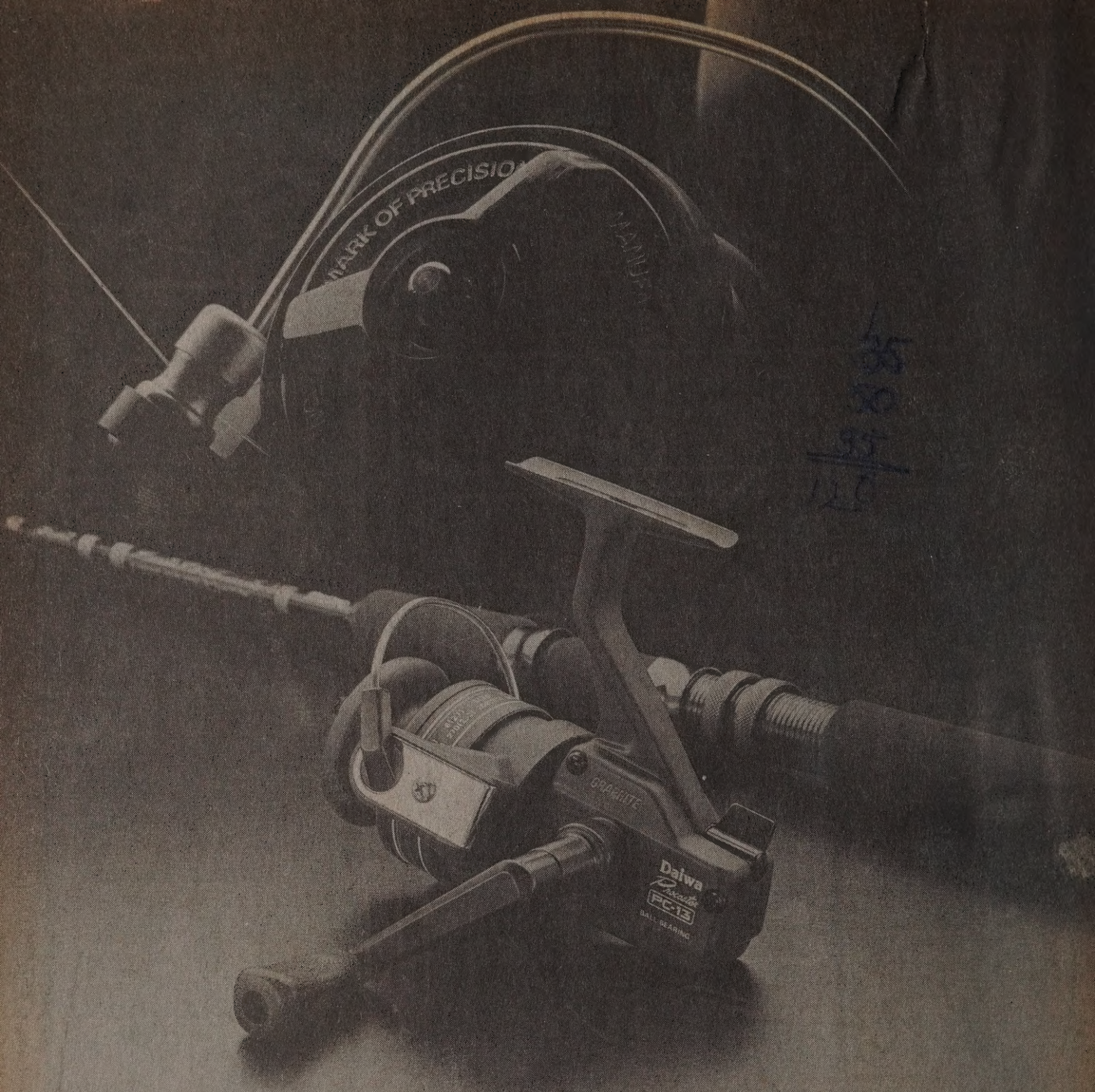
SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	9:55	3:45	10:25	4:10
Fri.	10:50	4:40	11:15	5:00
Sat.	11:40	5:30	—	5:55
Sun.	12:10	6:20	12:30	6:45
Mon.	12:55	7:05	1:15	7:30
Tues.	1:45	7:45	1:55	8:10
Wed.	2:25	8:30	2:40	8:55
Thurs.	3:10	9:15	3:25	9:40



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